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NAZI SHIPS MAY RUN FAR EAST BLOCKADE

London, To-day.

"The Times" special correspondent in Rotterdam says that according to a report from Sourabaya published in the "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courante," large purchases were recently made by German agents in the Dutch Indies of rubber, copra, palm oil, kapok and other raw materials regardless of cost.

Business circles in Sourabaya infer that the German Government intend to break the blockade by running cargoes of these goods to Vladivostok.

A number of German ships are at present lying in Sourabaya and are available for the purpose. Many of them have been sequestered as security for port dues, but if the dues were paid the ships could be made ready for sea in a very short time. Russia has also been an active buyer lately in the Dutch Indies.—Reuter.

NORWAY DISTURBED

OSLO, TO-DAY.

A SHARP PROTEST BY NORWAY AGAINST WHAT IT DESCRIBES AS "BRITISH VIOLATIONS OF NORWEGIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS" IS URGED BY THE NEWSPAPER "ARBEIDERBLADET," CHIEF ORGAN OF THE GOVERNMENT (LABOUR) PARTY.

It says the Altmark affair is so far the only case where a British act of war has been carried out on Norwegian territory.

Other warlike actions never went beyond attempts by British warships and planes, but such attempts are very dangerous for Norway who does not want to be drawn into the war between the great powers.—Reuter.

BITTEN BY SNAKE IN ARGYLE STREET

Chiu Chau-tak, of No. 104, Shanghai Street, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday after he had been bitten by a snake at a school in Argyle Street.

The snake was caught and destroyed.

SWEDISH ESPIONAGE SENTENCES

Stockholm, To-day.

Sentences ranging from three months imprisonment to three years hard labour were passed on four persons convicted on charges of espionage.

A Swede named Koch was sentenced to three years hard labour; his mother, who was Russian-born, was sentenced to three months imprisonment; a Swede named Karlsson and a doctor, Michael Willy, German-born, were each sentenced to 10 months' hard labour, and a fifth accused, Koch's German-born wife, was acquitted.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PREPARING CHALLENGE?

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

GIVING CREDENCE TO RECENT RUMOURS THAT THE JAPANESE ARE SEEKING GREATER REPRESENTATION ON THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, THE JAPANESE EMBASSY SPOKESMAN DECLARED A MEETING OF JAPANESE CIVIC LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAPANESE RESIDENTS' CORPORATION WOULD BE HELD SHORTLY TO DETERMINE THE EXACT NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED FOR ELECTION.

The spokesman added meanwhile investigations were proceeding among the Japanese community to determine the number of votes available and the total number of Japanese ratepayer.

The spokesman once again emphasized the feeling in local Japanese circles for greater representation on the Council.—Reuter.

FIRE RAZES BERLIN FACTORY

Berlin, To-day.

The official German news agency states that fire broke out last night in a Berlin factory in which "a large quantity of highly inflammable material was stored."

A wooden building containing this material was burned down but firemen prevented the blaze spreading to other factory buildings.—Reuter.

ECONOMIC TIES OF THE ALLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The President of the British Board of Trade, Sir Andrew Duncan, is expected here shortly to establish personal contact with M. Rollin, Minister of Trade in the new Reynaud Cabinet. The two statesmen will discuss the consolidation and development of the economic ties created by the recent Franco-British agreements.—Havas.

COMPULSORY SAVINGS IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

A DRASTIC STEP TIGHTENING control over private financial institutions, to help in the absorption of government bonds, has been taken by the Bank of Japan and the Ministry of Finance.

Banks throughout the country are now assigned a quota of government bonds to be purchased.

According to the "Hochi Shimbun", the quota has been fixed for leading banks at 25 per cent of their total deposits. If present government bond holdings are lower, the banks will be expected to buy bonds until their quota is attained. If their deposits increase, one quarter of the increase must be devoted to the purchase of government bonds.

The vernacular papers insist that the measure is not equivalent to forced lending or compulsory saving.

Financial authorities are also devising other means of making room for governmental bonds on the financial market, the Hochi Shimbun understands.

Direct control over lending by banks, trusts and financial institutions is under study, it is reported. Limits will be fixed to the amount of money to be loaned to industrialists. Only those projects which the Finance Ministry deems absolutely indispensable will be allowed to borrow.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East winds, fresh to moderate; fair.

4,000,000 BIBLES SOLD IN CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

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This is revealed in the annual report of the Rev. W. H. Hudspeth presented to the Shanghai auxiliary of the Society.

Last year the House sold more Bibles and Testaments than ever before, and distributed in China copies of the Scriptures in 30 languages.

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LORD SAMUEL ON NEAR EAST HOSTILITY TO NAZIS

London, To-day.

LORD SAMUEL, BROADCASTING on the impressions of his recent tour to Cyprus, Palestine and Egypt, said the countries he had visited were more at peace in wartime than they had been in peacetime; their local controversies had quietened down.

"Throughout that part of the world all parties and all sections in all countries are of one mind about the war.

"Turkey and Greece, Egypt and Palestine, Cyprus and Syria, and further away, Iraq and the Hedjaz, are a solid block of territory in which rulers and ruled everywhere take the same view on the dominant question of the day — the first time for many years that that has been so.
"All are against Germany. All are deeply concerned that no aggressive totalitarian states should obtain a controlling influence in the eastern Mediterranean.
"Every section therefore is anxious not to do anything that would hinder the war effort of Britain and France."
— Reuter.

NAVY'S NEW BLOW AT HERR HITLER

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.
THE "NEW YORK SUN" DECLARES THE SINKINGS OF GERMAN ORE VESSELS BY THE ROYAL NAVY ARE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE.

These exploits "represent the opening guns in a campaign to cut off the Reich's supplies of the one product vitally necessary for prosecution of the war . . . If the British succeed in closing this route their action may have catastrophic consequences for Hitler's embattled Reich."

"The difficulties of transporting ore if British submarines succeed in sneaking into the Baltic and operating there may become insuperable."
— Reuter.

CABINET RESHUFFLE

RIO DE JANEIRO, TO-DAY.
THE "JORNAL DO BRAZIL," EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF A RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BRITISH CABINET, SAYS THE INCLUSION OF LABOUR LEADERS WOULD CREATE GREATER EFFICIENCY AND SOLIDARITY.

The "Jornal do Comercio" appreciates the remodelled French Cabinet as a source of greater strength.

The "O Jornal" suggests a possible connection between the United States decision to sell 600 Army planes to the Allies and the failure of the Welles mission to Europe. — Reuter.

ALLIES WIN FIRST ROUND

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
THE "WASHINGTON POST," IN AN ANALYSIS PREPARED FOR THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION, SAYS: "BRITAIN AND FRANCE HAVE WON THE FIRST ROUND FOR CONTROL OF THE NEAR EAST WITHOUT OPPOSITION BY THE TOTALITARIAN POWERS."

"The Allies now hold strategic points, the principal lines of communication and the economic resources of the Near East to the disadvantage of Germany, Russia and Italy."

Referring to the steadily increasing Allied military forces in the Near East and discussing Rumania, the analysis states: "Britain has left no doubt of her intention to take drastic measures if oil continues to be supplied to Germany." — Reuter.

S. AFRICA'S PART IN WAR

London, To-day.

Recruiting in South Africa after six months of war has not slackened.

The Botha Regiment, named after the Union's first Prime Minister, which draws men from Northern Transvaal country districts, has brought two battalions up to war strength since September and a third is being formed.

Another regiment which has had to start a third battalion is the Imperial Light Horse, one of the most popular Johannesburg regiments.

The 8,000 South Africans annually serving with His Majesty's forces are divided fairly equally between the Navy, Army and Air Force. Many of those with the Navy are in armed merchant cruisers. — British Wire- less.

At to-morrow's luncheon of the Chinese American Institute of Cultural Relations "Trans-Pacific," a film of the Clipper flight from San Francisco to Hong Kong via Honolulu, Midway, Guam and Manila, is to be shown. The film is more comprehensive than an earlier one and is in colour and sound.

The meeting will be held at 12.45 p.m.

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POLICE RESERVIST TO GET PRISON EXPERIENCE!

SENTENCE ON HO SO, police reservist, who was found guilty by the Jury yesterday of demanding money by menaces, was further suspended to-day till the next sessions following an appeal in mitigation of the offence by his Counsel, Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jnr., and in view of his past record.

Mr. Williams, Crown Counsel, said accused joined the Police Reserve in 1927, and passed the three examinations in short time. He was promoted sergeant in April, 1933, and acting Crown sergeant in January, 1939, this was confirmed in June, 1939.

His record as a police reservist was clear and his efficiency good. He was commended in 1931 for good work in connection with the anti-Japanese riots.

In reply to the Court, Mr. Williams said accused had been on bail since the night of his arrest.

Sir Atholl Macgregor then asked what the police knew of this wholly incredible story and was told that a police constable involved in the case had disappeared and that a warrant was out for his arrest.

MODEL CITIZEN

Mr. d'Almada said that the history of accused, until this lapse, was that of a model member of the community. He was the son of a fitter in the Tramway Company where he was himself apprenticed. He joined Tai-koo Docks electrical department later and stayed there for 5 years. At the age of 22, he was No. 1.

Then he joined the Hong Kong Hotel Garage and stayed with them for 13 years before branching out on his own, at first in a small way, but gradually and steadily rising till now he was the owner of a repair shop occupying three houses with machinery worth \$10,000 and employing about 25 people.

Accused was the father of nine children, the youngest only 14 months, and apart from his police reserve record, Mr. Randall, police reserve superintendent, was willing to come to court and say what he knew of defendant from his personal acquaintance, and enter into a bond, as were three other gentlemen, Messrs. Tse Ka-po, J.P., Lo Ching-wan, manager of the National and Commercial Savings Bank, and former member of the committee of the Po Leung Kuk and Tung Wah Hospital, and Lan Chian, a tea merchant.

Mr. d'Almada said he did not wish to minimise the seriousness of the offence, but here was a case of a man, apart from a single lapse on his part, who had lived a honourable life. In this particular case, by reason of his record, justice could be served by a small sentence or the imposition of a heavy fine.

PAINFUL BUSINESS

The Chief Justice said it was a painful business for him as he personally knew defendant as a member of the police reserve. He could not understand how a man with such an unblemished record and knowledge of the law should do such a foolish thing.

Mr. d'Almada said his instructions were that accused merely went to the flat on a friendly visit at the invitation of the other men. Inspector Hopkins had informed him that there was some suggestion that Chan (the complainant) had committed some offence in the country. One of the other two went there to inquire about the crime, whether for the purpose of gain, or to bring the guilty party to book, was not known.

Addressing defendant, Sir Atholl Macgregor said he had to confess he did not know why a man like accused should be so foolish as to become involved in such a business. The jury had found him guilty of a serious offence but his conduct in regard to the victim was in his favour.

In the circumstances, he proposed to postpone sentence till the April Sessions so that accused could obtain some experience of prison life. At the end of that time, prisoner's conduct and other light on the case might enable him to take the course of imposing a fine, together with a bond.

TRADE IN COUNTERFEIT COINS

TWO CHINESE LADS, AGED 12 AND 10, ABOUT THREE FEET AND SIX INCHES IN HEIGHT, STOOD IN FRONT OF THE "DOCK" BEFORE MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT THE KOW-LOON MAGISTRACY TO-DAY WHEN THEY, WITH HO KWONG, 19, NEWSPAPER HAWKER, WERE CHARGED WITH OFFENCES IN CONNECTION WITH COUNTERFEIT COINS.

All pleaded guilty.

Ho Kwong was given six months' hard labour and the lads were remanded for sentence in Juvenile Court.

A Chinese detective saw the elder boy offer two counterfeit coins to a shop in Canton Road. The younger lad and Ho Kwong were standing outside.

When arrested, 20 counterfeit coins were found in the younger lad's pocket.

Police enquiries established that another man, believed to be the elder lad's uncle, gave them about \$15 in 10-cent counterfeit coins that morning to buy one-cent or two cents worth of goods and secure the change.

Of 150 coins, only 20 were left when the arrest was made, showing they had satisfactory "business" that day.

The police had tried to locate the remainder of the coins without success.

EAR BITTEN OFF!

Part of an ear was an exhibit at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Shanghai Chinese, Li Sing-kee, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., with assaulting Li Chueng-yuen, a tailor, and causing him grievous bodily harm.

Det. Sergeant Bentley said that the man's ear was bitten off by defendant during a quarrel at No. 45A, Yick Yam Street, Happy Valley, on Tuesday.

Defendant was his nephew. He asked for a loan and when this was refused assaulted his uncle.

Defendant was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

BURGLAR WHO FELL

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, on Lai Shing, 24, for the theft of two jackets and a handbag from No. 275, Lockhart Road.

Defendant on January 17 climbed a drain pipe to the second floor, was chased and fell into the street below. Defendant was sent to Queen Mary Hospital with a fractured leg.

Detective Sergeant J. Bentley prosecuted.

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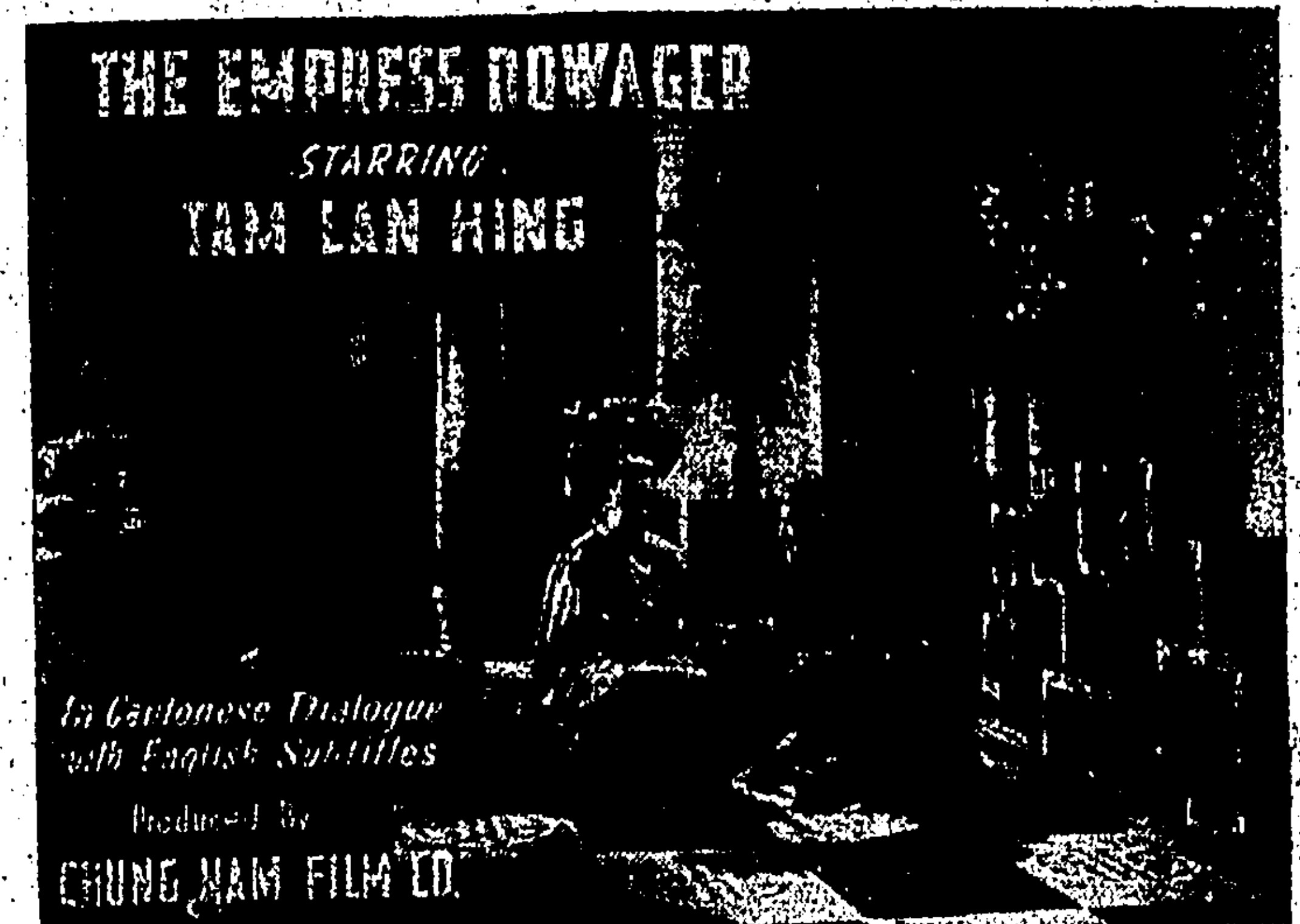
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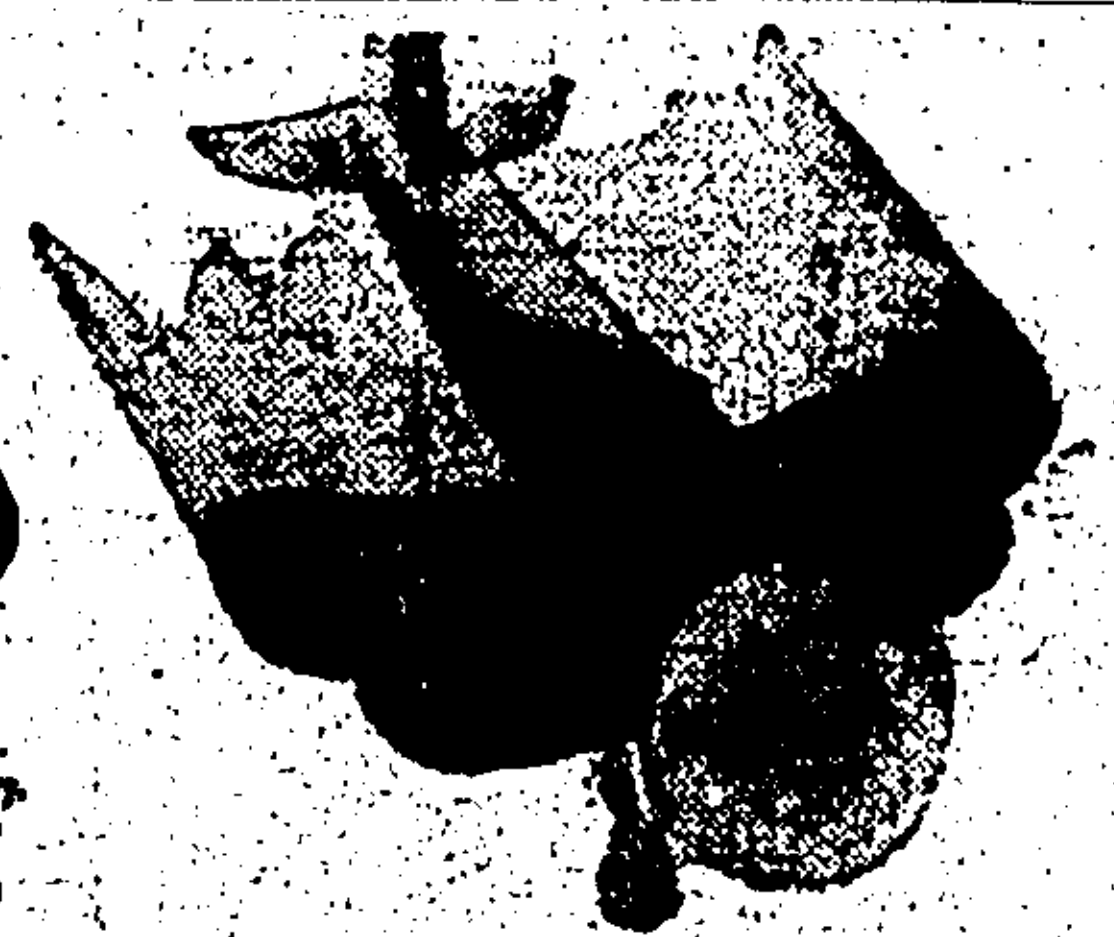
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NEW CABINET IN FINLAND

President's Message To Retiring Government

Soviet Peace Terms Described As "Immoderate"

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.
IN A MESSAGE TO THE RETIRING FINNISH GOVERNMENT, PRESIDENT KALLIO YESTERDAY DESCRIBED THE SOVIET PEACE TERMS AS "IMMODERATE."

He added yet the people and Parliament had realised that even an onerous peace was preferable to years of sanguinary war in the face of great odds.

ITALIAN HERO REWARDED

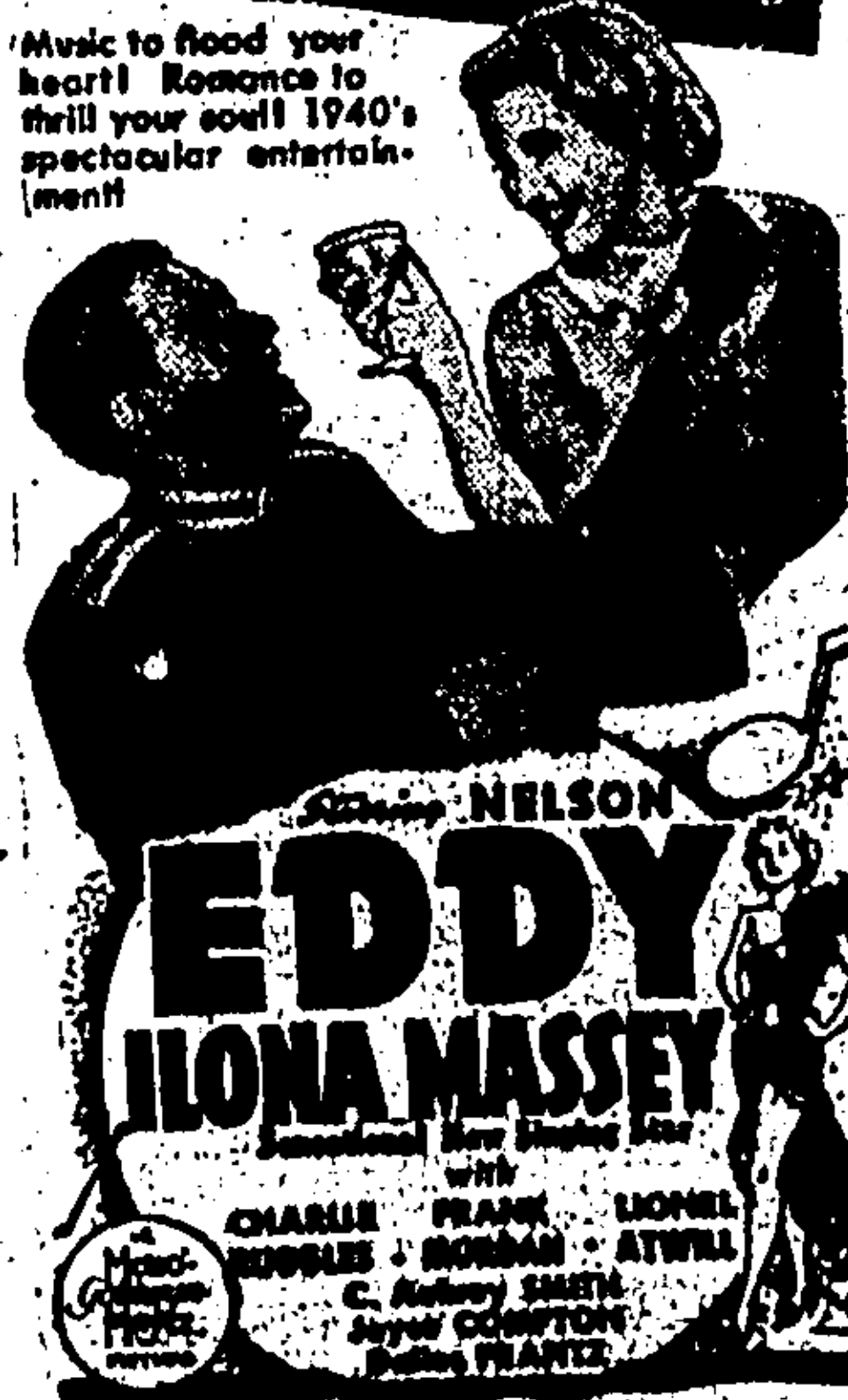
London, To-day.
A remarkable feat of seamanship was recognised yesterday in Malta when the Governor presented a watch from the British Air Ministry to the Italian Master of a small Maltese sailing ship "for gallant rescue work" in saving six survivors from a wrecked British liner last December.

The rescue took place partly during darkness in stormy seas off Sicily. When the aircraft crashed into the sea about 200 yards ahead of the sailing ship the Master launched a small boat.

Despite the high wind and mountainous seas the boat picked up three men from the aircraft and being then fully loaded returned to the ship which had now drifted about half a mile away.

Rough seas and darkness preventing further use of the small boat, the Master brought his old ship by skilful handling back to the scene of the disaster and picked up the other three survivors who had been swept off the wreckage and were drifting in the water. One of them was an R.A.F. Wing Commander who was in the water nearly three hours. — British Wireless.

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At The **QUEEN'S SATURDAY**
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President Kallio paid a warm tribute to the outgoing Government for its endeavours to secure munitions during the war.
He added: "The defensive capacity of our army is quite different from what it was at the beginning of the war."

"It is true our country is mutilated — a matter which we mourn — but the Finnish people is alive to its duty, our independence and our heroic army still exist."

"These are foundation stones on which we shall continue to build, our future." — Reuter.

M. Rytö To Remain As Prime Minister

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.
A COALITION GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED IN FINLAND TO CARRY ON THE TASK OF RECONSTRUCTION. M. RYTÖ IS STILL PRIME MINISTER, BUT THE FOREIGN MINISTER, M. TANNER, IS NOW MINISTER OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

M. Passikivi, formerly Minister without Portfolio and who played a leading part in the negotiations with Russia, is not in the new Government.

The Finnish delegates continued to negotiate in Moscow all through Easter and the Russians are said to be trying to get an agreement under which they can obtain industrial products from Finland. — Reuter.

SWISS GIFTS TO FINLAND

Zurich, To-day.
According to the Swiss press, Switzerland's gifts to Finland so far amount to £86,000 in value. — Reuter.

PROGRAMME OF NEW GOVERNMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.
RECONSTRUCTION AFTER THE WAR, COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS, PLACING THE COUNTRY ON A SOUND BASIS FOR A POSSIBLE FUTURE TRIAL, ARE THE MAIN LINES OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE NEW FINNISH GOVERNMENT.

According to a semi-official statement the Government will strive to maintain a policy of peace and neutrality, to develop exports of mineral resources and reorganise the national economy with a view to helping the population evacuated from regions ceded to Russia to find a new home and employment. — Havas.

JOINT ALLIED COUNCIL FOR MERCHANT FLEETS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
Both the "News Chronicle" and the "Daily Herald" report that the French and British Governments are to form a mutual Council for the merchant marine, so as to ensure the best possible use of the ships at their disposal. — Havas.

FOREIGN PROPAGANDA ENQUIRY

Washington, To-day.
The Senate foreign relations committee yesterday unanimously approved a resolution establishing a special committee of seven members for the investigation of foreign war propaganda in the United States.

Senator Key Pittman said one of the practical effects of the approval of the resolution would be to serve notice on foreign governments that any propaganda activities which they encountered would be subjected to minute scrutiny. — Reuter.

RECALL OF M. SURITZ

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
M. Suritz, Soviet Ambassador to France, has been recalled — at the request of the French Government.

On March 19, he sent a message to M. Stalin in which he said that thanks to the Soviet Government and "the valour of the Red Army, the plans of the war-mongers in Britain and France have been foiled. The Soviet Union rests a fortress," etc.

The message was considered the more objectionable because it was sent through regular Post Office channels in ordinary language and not in code. Telegrams are subject to censorship; the message was examined and stopped, being considered an attempt to meddle in French affairs.

It was subsequently sent to the French Charge d'Affaires in Moscow, who handed it to the Foreign Affairs Commissar, Molotov, together with a request that M. Suritz be recalled.

It is emphasized that this does not necessarily cause a breach in diplomatic relations. — Havas.

SOVIET'S CHOICE

Moscow, To-day.
As the French objection to M. Suritz, the Soviet Ambassador who has been recalled, was of a personal character, it is understood the incident has been settled by his recall.

The Soviet will now have to decide whether to appoint a new Ambassador or leave the Embassy to the charge d'affaires. — Reuter.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day.
On March 26, 24 neutral ships were in U.K. contraband control bases 9 having been there 3 days or less. The total included 18 Dutch, 3 Belgian and 3 Italian.

During the week ending March 23 the contraband committee considered 85 cargoes arrived since March 16 and 40 outstanding from the previous week. The combined total included ships of the following nationalities: 30 Dutch, 28 Italian, 19 Norwegian, 11 United States, 9 Belgian, 9 Swedish, 4 Portuguese, and in 50 cases the entire cargoes were released.

During the week 52 cases were dealt with under the advance copy manifest system, and 25 ships were released subject to formal checking of the original manifests. — British Wireless.

LATE N.Z. PREMIER EULOGISED

London, To-day.

A State funeral for Mr. M. J. Savage, late Premier of New Zealand, will take place on Sunday.

News of his death has been received everywhere with deep regret and messages of condolence have been sent from all parts of the English-speaking world. One is from General Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa.

In a leading article, the "Daily Telegraph" regrets that Mr. Savage will not be able to play a part in the Imperial discussions which must come in the future. He might have had a great part to play.

He has already forged the spearhead of New Zealand's effort and determined her policy in one of the most decisive hours for her future and that of Europe.

SOCIAL REFORM

Commenting on his social reform work, the "Manchester Guardian" says that Mr. Savage led a Dominion which is in many ways Conservative to take steps in social reform which have set an example for the democracies.

His name will have its place among those of the most sincere and able social reformers that the British democracies have produced. — Reuter.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S MESSAGE

London, To-day.

The profound regret with which the death of the Prime Minister of New Zealand has been received here is reflected in a message sent by Mr. Neville Chamberlain to the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser.

The Prime Minister says that in Mr. Savage, New Zealand has lost a leader whose selfless devotion to the cause of progress was an inspiration and example. We in this country had unhappily little opportunity of knowing personally one whose life was spent in a distant Dominion but those of us who met him when he visited England in 1937 recognized in him a statesman of wise counsel whose sincerity could never be doubted. In the difficult times through which the world has since been passing we knew Mr. Savage had always at heart the ideals and principles for which the British Commonwealth stands. His death will be mourned not only in New Zealand but throughout the Empire. — British Wireless.

RECRUITING FOR ARMY IN RHODESIA

London, To-day.

A large number of Rhodesian infantry now being trained in the colony are to be passed to well-known regiments, including the King's Royal Rifle Corps, the Royal Artillery and the Royal Engineers. Rhodesians will wear a distinctive badge. Drafts proceeding overseas will be divided between England and the Middle East. — British Wireless.

LORD AND LADY WILLINGDON RETURN

London, To-day.

Lord and Lady Willingdon, who represented the British Government at the New Zealand centennial celebrations, returned home by air yesterday. — Reuter.

"Cobber's" Thrilling Escape After Shooting Down Two Messerschmidts In Dog-Fight

R.A.F. PILOTS IN FRANCE IN GRAND SHOW

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE R.A.F. BROUGHT DOWN AT LEAST FIVE ENEMY PLANES IN FRANCE ON TUESDAY, IT HAS JUST BEEN REVEALED, WHILE TWO OTHERS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. ONE BRITISH FIGHTER WAS LOST.

Three separate battles occurred in the morning, afternoon and early evening, when patrolling Hurricanes met German planes of four different types.

The five planes shot down for certain were all Messerschmidts and the two probably accounted for were a Messerschmidt and a Dornier.

Acting Squadron-Leader Kain, a 21-year-old New Zealander, known as "Cobber," who is already famous for his exploits, brought his total bag up to five by accounting for two Messerschmidts.

This time he narrowly escaped with his life, and as he limped about his mess yesterday, with one leg peppered by shrapnel from cannon shells, he told an amazingly graphic story.

He told how he and two other Hurricane pilots ran into a flight of nine Messerschmidts in the early afternoon.

"We took one piece and just went in. I hit one and he spun down in smoke and flames.

"Then, for a time, there was a free-for-all until I got another Messerschmidt and sent him down.

Swooped On Me

"I looked round and the sky seemed clear. But one of the Messerschmidts was hovering high above, waiting to see how the battle was going to turn out.

"He swooped on me and the next thing I knew was a terrific bang in front of my eyes.

"The top of my hood flew away, a great jagged hole appeared in my engine, and flames and oil poured into the cockpit.

"I was almost knocked unconscious by the shock but came to and managed to 'bale out.'

"For a long time I never thought about pulling the rip-cord of my parachute. Then I did so and floated down in a kind of daze, enjoying the cool air on my face.

"When I passed through a thick layer of white clouds I thought to myself quite seriously, 'This is heaven.'

Landed In No-Man's Land

"I landed in a field in No-Man's Land and stumbled towards a wood where I covered up my parachute with earth and wire.

"A French captain came running towards me with revolver poised. When he found who I was he helped me back into the French lines.

"Cobber's" two companions each chased a Messerschmidt, and one flying officer sent his opponent down in flames.

The other, a sergeant pilot, reports that his quarry disappeared through the clouds with smoke trailing behind him.

Air Marshal Barrett, Air Officer

Encounters occurred and our fighters, having broken up the enemy formation, forced the enemy to abandon the reconnaissance.

One British patrol encountered a formation of nine enemy fighters.

In the ensuing fight two enemy aircraft were seen descending in flames. One of our fighters was shot down, the pilot escaping by parachute.—Reuter.

Three Battles

London, To-day.

In the course of three distinct battles in the morning, afternoon and evening, seven British pilots encountered 31 enemy machines of four different types, namely, Messerschmitt 109, Messerschmitt 110, a twin-engined cannon-firing type, Heinkel and Dornier.

The day's bag was five Messerschmidts brought down and destroyed, and one Dornier and one Messerschmidt driven down and believed destroyed.

This squadron's score during the war now totals eleven enemy machines known to have been destroyed with two more as possibles.

"Cobber," the 21-year-old New Zealander who is such a terror to the Germans, added to his laurels by bagging two Messerschmidts, bringing his total bag to five with a possible sixth.

Here in his own words is his graphic story of his engagement with the enemy which took place during the afternoon battle.

"I was the leader of a flight of three Hurricanes out on patrol. Attracted by bursts of anti-aircraft fire we ran into nine Messerschmitt 109's. I shouted

Commanding-in-Chief in France, has sent a glowing telegram of congratulations to the British fighter pilots. It is now proudly displayed in their mess.—Reuter.

The Official Bulletin

London, To-day.

A War Ministry bulletin from headquarters of the British Air Force in France announces a marked increase in aerial activity on Tuesday in the neighbourhood of Metz.

A formation of seven enemy reconnaissance craft, escorted by fighters, were intercepted and engaged by British fighters.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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over the radio telephone "Messerschmidts ahead" and we just tapped in. I gave instructions that each of us was to engage one of the enemy planes.

The enemy tackled us in two lots of two machines. The sky suddenly seemed clear and I was looking round at the sun to see where I was and trying to locate the other planes. There was nothing behind me.

Flames Roaring

I then became aware that one of the enemy machines was high above me waiting to see what was happening before he attacked. Then he came down and went for me. Suddenly the top of my hood flew away. There was a big bang in front of my eyes and I saw a jagged hole appear as one of the cannon shells tore through. Flames and oil just poured into the cockpit. The shell had hit my petrol tank.

I think the shock must have knocked me slightly unconscious. When I came to I was in a steep dive, flaming away. I managed to get the rest of the hood back. I bent down to turn off the petrol and tried to slide slip to get the flames out and pulled the stick back to try and stall. Then I fumbled with the straps of my parachute and got out as quick as I could. Away went the plane with flames roaring all over the place.

I felt very refreshed as the air cooled my face. I was feeling quite happy and did not think about pulling

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U.S. PLANES FOR ALLIES

Policy Explained By Secretary For War

TO ENABLE MASS PRODUCTION OF LATEST TYPES

Washington, To-day.

THE SECRETARY FOR WAR, Mr. Harry Woodring, testified before the House of Representatives military committee yesterday that the Government's new policy of permitting the export of the latest American planes was designed to keep the United States air force constantly supplied with modern equipment.

Military secrets would not be disclosed nor would the United States air expansion be delayed.

Mr. Woodring said the U.S. War Department possessed possibly six types of plane superior to any other in the world.

The War Department was adjusting foreign sales policy in various ways, including a stipulation that designs owned by the Department, or by manufacturers over whom the Department had control, would not be released for manufacture or detailed assembly abroad.

Mr. Woodring said he had worked out this new policy "without coercion or pressure from anybody."

EXPANSION PROSPECTS

High Army officials testified that the present expansion of production facilities indicated the United States would be able to manufacture between 30,000 and 40,000 planes a year by the end of 1940.

The committee gave direct approval to the Government's foreign sales policy.

Later several plane manufacturers met Government officials to work out plans for expediting foreign orders.—Reuter.

Allied Gain

Washington, To-day.

Several hundred reserve planes now being built for the U.S. Army are expected to be sold for immediate delivery to the Allies.—Reuter.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Major C. M. Manners was this morning summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon for leaving his car unattended on the wrong side of Gascoigne Road.

On stating that his car had been twice stolen from the car park in Gascoigne Road and that he parked near the filling station to enable the man there to keep an eye on it, the case was dismissed with a caution.

For a similar offence in Saigon Street, Mr. C. Barovsky, of Hankow Road, was cautioned. The prosecution said defendant was a learner driver, and apparently was not fully aware of the regulations.

S. Monaghan, of 70, Nathan Road, was summoned for driving a public taxi without the owner's permission and for driving without a valid driving licence. He did not appear and the case was adjourned for a week.

NORWEGIAN SURVIVORS REACH SAFETY

London, To-day.

Thirty-two survivors, including three women and two children, from the Norwegian liner Cometa (3,794 tons), were landed at a Scottish port yesterday after their ship had been sunk.—Reuter.

R.A.F. PILOTS IN FRANCE IN GRAND SHOW

(Continued from Page 5)

the rip cord at all. Then it occurred to me to do this and everything went hazy.

I found myself going through an all enveloping white filmy mass and remember saying to myself "I am in Heaven." Actually it was a three thousand feet thick layer of cloud. When I came out of it my right strap was hanging off.

It was touch and go whether I landed in France or Germany and I tried to spill the air out of the parachute to glide it into France. I slumped down in the middle of a ploughed field in No-Man's land.

The parachute pulled me along a bit and then I lay down for a while. Picking up and wondering whether to make for a village which proved to be in German territory I stumbled towards a wood only half a mile from the German lines, and having hid the parachute I started to plod along.

Under Suspicion

A French captain ran towards me pointing a revolver. I said "attention" or something like that and as soon as he recognised my uniform he put his gun down and helped me along.

Then both of us were challenged by a group of French soldiers who pointed bayonets at us. We had quite a job to convince them we were not spies.

The Captain took me to his mess about four miles away and brought me round, bandaging a number of holes in my leg caused by cannon shrapnel. I was finally taken back to my own squadron and cared for by our own doctor.

When I went to look at the wreckage of my machine I found that on the way down the tail had fallen off.

"Cobber's" two fellow pilots during the afternoon fight, a sgt. pilot and a flying officer, each engaged a Messerschmitt in combat.

The flying officer definitely accounted for his quarry, sending it down in flames and smoke after getting a full burst into it from his eight guns.

The sgt. pilot chased his machine for a while and it suddenly disappeared into a cloud with smoke pouring from it.

Dornier's Clash

In the morning battle a 26-year-old Flight-Lieut. from London was out on patrol when he saw a Heinkel bomber. He chased it and at 20,000 feet ran right into four Dorniers flying towards Paris escorted by three Messerschmitt 110s.

He got in to the tail of one of the Dorniers and poured bullets into it.

INDIAN AGITATOR SENTENCED

Chaidassa (Bihar), To-day.

Jayprakash Narain, general secretary of the All-India Congress of the Socialist Party, who was arrested three weeks ago under the Defence of India Act after delivering a speech, was yesterday sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment.—Reuter.

THYSSEN IN FRANCE

Zurich, To-day.

Fritz Thyssen, the German steel magnate who left Germany after the Nazi-Soviet rapprochement, left Locarno yesterday for France.

His exact destination is unknown.—Reuter.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French official war communique said there was marked activity of artillery on both sides to the west of the Vosges.—Reuter.

CLUE TO COUNT TELEKI'S SUDDEN TRIP TO MUSSOLINI

London, To-day.

COMMENTING ON THE VISIT to Rome of Count Teleki, Hungarian Prime Minister, and his long conversation with Mussolini, a Diplomatic Correspondent comments that no one outside the two Governments concerned can know exactly what took place, nor the reasons which prompted Count Teleki to go to Rome so soon after the Brenner Pass meeting.

The latter, however, probably gives a clue.

Hungary is vitally interested in the relations existing between Italy and Germany. Whatever designs Germany may have on her or on any other Balkan or Danubian state, her actions must depend on the attitude of the other interested powers—and Italy has made it clear often enough she is one of the first.

It may well be that Count Teleki wanted to satisfy himself that the Brenner Pass meeting between Hitler and Mussolini had not upset the balance of forces on which Hungary depends.—Reuter.

Two other Hurricane pilots went up immediately afterwards. They succeeded in breaking up the enemy formation, forcing them to alter course towards the frontier.

Running Fight

One was tackled by three Messerschmitt 110s and there was a running fight for five minutes over German territory. Then the enemy planes disappeared and the two British planes turned and returned home.

The evening battle concerned a flying officer who was out on patrol with two other machines.

Going to investigate some anti-aircraft fire they found twelve Messerschmitt 109s with three or four other Messerschmitts flying higher some distance away.

These could not see him as he was flying from the direction of the sun. He dived right into the middle of the formation.

Two of the enemy machines made off home. The flying officer got on the tails of two other machines which started to climb. He attacked one which turned and crashed down.

He followed the other machine back over Germany and in so doing was attacked from behind and four bullets made holes in his wings. His pursuer then disappeared.

He kept straight on until over the home aerodrome of the machine he was chasing and engaged it in a dog fight. The German made a miscalculation and pulled out in front of the flying officer who hit him with 90 per cent deflection.—British Wireless.

BRITISH REPLY TO NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

According to the "Evening News," the British reply to the recent Norwegian protest will be on the lines that the Allies are fighting for their existence against an unscrupulous enemy and that they cannot accept the curious interpretation Norway puts on her neutrality, in which little is done about Nazi violations but pains-taking care is paid to everything the Allies do or are said to do. The Allies cannot abandon their legitimate rights.—Havas.

DOMINIONS TRADE

London, To-day.

The development of inter-Dominion trade is illustrated by the placing of orders for steel rails and fish plates aggregating three quarters of a million pounds, including freightage, by the South African Railways and Harbours Administration with two Canadian firms.—British Wireless.

SMASHING VICTORY AT POLLS FOR MR. MACKENZIE KING

Ottawa, To-day.
THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT of Canada has obtained a smashing victory at the polls, a victory even greater than its most ardent supporters had hoped for.

The latest figures are:—

Liberal: 174 seats (out of the total of 245);
 Conservative (or "National Government," as the party has been calling itself: 38;
 Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation: 8;
 New Democracy and Social Credit: 7; and
 Others: 9.

One result has been deferred and eight others are still doubtful. The results do not include the votes of the Canadian troops, which will be available next week.

The votes may alter some results but will not be enough to affect the main issue.

Every Communist candidate was defeated; the Social Credit party only polled 1 out of the original 15 seats.

All the leading lights of the Conservative Party were defeated and so were all the women candidates!—Reuter.

*** Mr. Mackenzie King's Liberal Party defeated Mr. R. Bennett's Conservatives in 1935, polling 178 seats, getting the largest majority ever given since the Confederation.

A short while ago, Mr. Hepburn, Liberal Premier of Ontario, got the provincial House to pass a resolution condemning Mr. King's Government for not pressing the war effort vigorously.

Mr. King replied by calling a general election; normally, this would have been called by the end of 1940 in any case. The present voting shows that the Canadian Liberals are the real "National Government," if not in name in terms of public support.

Reinforced by his majority representing 53 per cent. of the national vote, the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King will probably summon Parliament for either May 2 or 9.—Reuter.

A.S.P.s IN RAID ON ALLEGED GAMBLING DEN

Three Kowloon A.S.P.s, Messrs Searle, Heath and Wright-Nooth last night jointly raided an alleged gambling den on the ground floor of No. 31, Woosung Street, and arrested twenty-one persons.

All were charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Three absentees had their bail of \$5 each estreated. The alleged keeper and 17 others were remanded on bail until Monday next. They expressed a wish to engage a solicitor to defend them.

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST TWO WOMEN

Charged with using an instrument to procure miscarriage, two women, Tong Sau-wah, 28, and Kwong So-ching, 29, nurse, were remanded for a week by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Mr. W. M. Brown appeared for defendants and Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey for the prosecution.

Bail was fixed at \$5,000 each.

LIMITATION TO RUSSIAN AID TO NAZIS

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

THE "CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER" SAYS THE SOVIET UNION CANNOT SUPPLY GERMANY WITH SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF THE THREE MOST VITAL RAW MATERIALS—PETROLEUM, VEGETABLE OIL AND MANGANESE—TO CONDUCT WAR.

The chief drawback, says the paper, is transportation.

Stalin would not hesitate to deprive his own people did he believe that by underwriting the Third Reich he was at the same time advancing the political interests of his own regime.

But even if he were so inclined he would be handicapped by the inadequacy of the Russian railroads and the shipping lanes open to Russia.—Reuter.

GERMAN EXECUTIONS IN POLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Polish Information Office here has issued a report revealing the pitiful plight of Polish schools and professors since the Nazi occupation.

The report describes the indiscriminating destruction of schools and universities bringing to nought not only the work of the past 22 years but of the previous decades.

The teaching bodies of almost all universities suffered considerable losses and many teachers have been arrested and put in concentration camps for an indefinite period while others have been summarily shot.

The buildings of the Polytechnic School of Warsaw have been completely destroyed and the University of Warsaw, founded in 1818 and one of the largest in the world, has been destroyed by the war.

Among the professors executed are Dr. Lutostanski, eminent jurist, Dr. Konopacki, Professor of the Medical School, and Dr. Golabek, distinguished racial expert.—Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is moving eastward and pressure is highest over the Eastern Sea; the depression remains near Hokkaido.

HUNGARY AGREES TO POSTPONE CLAIMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

HUNGARY HAS AGREED to postpone until the end of the war her territorial claims against Rumania, and has received in exchange from Italy a promise of unconditional support.

Such, according to the best sources, in the result of the conversations here between Count Teleki, the Hungarian Premier, and Italian leaders.

The same sources reveal that Count Teleki proved extremely reluctant to postpone the Hungarian claims and yielded only after Signor Mussolini gave him a definite substantial compensation tantamount to an Italian guarantee of Hungarian independence.

The delicate negotiations are commented on in Virginia Gayda's comment in "Glorious d'Italia."

GAYDA COMMENT

Signor Gayda says: "Italy pushed Hungary to do her utmost to preserve peace in the Danubian Basin, but this desire for peace does not mean Italy wishes Hungary to give up permanently her hopes for a final and satisfactory settlement of the problems which interest her directly, nor does

it mean that all other problems in that part of Europe can be forgotten. "The idea of peace built up on justice remains the guiding principle of Mussolini's policy."—Havas.

G.P.O. INTIMATION

London, To-day.

The Postmaster-General has given notice that all correspondence to persons who are crews on board all ships save those under charter to the Government must be addressed care of the owners or agents and not care of the General Post Office.—Reuter.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL TO RE-OPEN

London, To-day.

The Royal Albert Hall is to be re-opened, but to conform with police regulations accommodation will be limited to 5,000 people, instead of the normal 7,500.—Reuter.

SUMNER WELLES NEAR HOME

Washington, To-day.
 The White House announces that Mr. Sumner Welles is arriving in New York on board the Conte Savola from Europe at about noon to-day.
 He is expected to report to President Roosevelt immediately on the result of his visit to the European capitals.—Reuter.

GERMANY RENEING?

Shanghai, To-day.

Contrary to Wang Ching-wel's optimism regarding recognition by foreign powers of his "puppet" "Government of China" which is scheduled to be inaugurated on Saturday, Germany will not recognise the new administration in Nanking, according to reliable foreign sources here.

A Japanese spokesman in Shanghai stated a few days ago that at least three foreign powers, Germany, Italy and Spain will recognise the new "puppet" regime.—Our Own Correspondent.

BRUNEI'S WAR GIFT

London, To-day.

The Sultan of Brunei, one of the smallest states under the British flag, marked his coronation last week by a gift of £12,500 for the prosecution of the war.—Reuter.

*** Brunei is a native State on the north-west coast of Borneo. The population is estimated at 37,868. Its revenue in 1938 was \$1,179,979. The Sultan assumed full power after minority in 1931.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE KEYNES PLAN

Mr. J. M. Keynes is doing a great service in bringing home in practical terms what "paying for the war" means. Government speakers have reached the stage of warning and admonition, but although they harp on the sacrifices to be borne, the curtailment of consumption, we are to expect, the increases in taxation to be suffered, they have not made serious impression. Mr. Keynes in his earlier plan of November tried to put a practical alternative to unlimited inflationary borrowing and the "vicious spiral." He has now revised it largely to meet the Labour objections to the rigours of compulsory saving (or deferring enjoyment of a portion of earnings until after the war). His new proposals, which include family allowances for all children at the cost of the State and the keeping down of the prices of necessities, should go far to reassure the trade unions that the workers' interests are not to be sacrificed to the benefit. Mr. Keynes claims that his proposals should end in greater economic equality, and his suggestions that working-class bodies like trade unions and friendly societies should have control of the workers' savings, that repayment after the war should be made by a capital levy or capital tax, and that the savings shall not count against the means test should go far to make them palatable. The plan shows a fine boldness and a liberal spirit which quite as much as its financial ingenuity and economic soundness, should commend it favourably. — "Manchester Guardian."

GROWING IMPATIENCE

Both in Britain and France there is a growing impression that it will be necessary for the Allies to prosecute the war with rather more energy than they have been doing up to the present, and in both countries there is an increasing demand for the reshuffling of the Government with that end in view. There is a substantial proportion of the British public which asks the same question as Mr. W. S. Morrison, Under-Secretary for the Coordination of Defence "Can perfect gentlemanliness win victory?" It is quite apparent that too much use of the glove, and not enough of the mallet is likely to give the impression that everything is not being done to secure victory that should be. That, however, can hardly justify the contention that the Allies should assume the initiative in intensifying the war in all its spheres. Those who pay so much attention to Herr Hitler's war of nerves appear to overlook one important point. If his present tactics are designed to wear the Allies into a more amenable frame of mind, an equal effect is being made upon the German people, upon whom the increasing hardships which they are called upon to endure, and that without any compensation of successes, are having their effect. With a whole nation eking out a bare existence, deprived of even those modest luxuries which Field-Marshal Goering's schemes left them, it is only to be expected that the iron is entering deeper into their soul. The war is not a popular one in Germany, for it is one which Herr Hitler promised his people they would never experience, and now that he has led his country into such a desperate pass he is without any more rabbits of success to bring out of the old familiar hat to keep them amused, if not entirely satisfied. The attitude of Mr. Chamberlain is obviously that the enormous economic pressure which is being brought to bear upon Germany must be allowed to attain its full effect. The desperate moves to which Herr Hitler is being driven by reason of the stranglehold which has been clamped down on German trade,—"Germany must export or die,"—is gradually increasing in effectiveness. The question may very well be asked why Herr Hitler himself does not seek to force the issue. He is not to be expected to do so until he has satisfied himself, either that he has sufficient supplies to

VISAS FOR TRADE

There may be attempts to excite anti-British feeling in the United States over the system by which American exports to neutral countries will be given passed through the British blockade around Germany. On first sight the idea of another country examining an American exporter's goods before they leave the United States and issuing a permit for their shipment to other neutrals is not easy to accept. But the State Department is correct when it says that in assenting to this system it has abandoned none of America's rights. It could assert such rights if citizens insisted. But even before the United States entered the World War the system of "navicerts" was accepted. And in the present struggle there has been continual examination of American shipments to neutrals in the war zones. The new system will only transfer the examination to the starting point. Instead of ships being taken into British ports to be searched they will now be allowed to proceed direct to their destination—provided their cargoes have been examined and given a "visa."

THE MORAL ISSUE

The problem, then, is simply whether we Christian nations are prepared to subordinate our personal desires to the common good. The young Nazis offer a whole-hearted allegiance to their Leader; are we ready to give a devotion equally whole-hearted to our ideals?—Sir Evelyn Wrench.

The system thus surrenders no rights now exercised. And it is said to be a practical advantage both for the Admiralty and for the British shipper. Delays are lessened. Such reports of cargoes as are not covered by "navicerts" will presumably still be searched. But all examination before shipment should reduce by that much the annoyance of shippers—and the trouble for the British Navy of searching ships at sea or in English harbours. Unless the United States is prepared to insist on its goods being prepared to go through the blockade—and there is little real support for taking any such risks of involvement—then the question boils down to: "Where shall the search for contraband be made?" That is not a question to get excited about. — "Christian Science Monitor."

remedy the wastage which transformation from static to active warfare must necessitate, or that he cannot expect to be able to secure enough. Once he is convinced of either of the two foregoing points he may be expected to launch attacks on the Allies with every arm, in the first instance because of confidence that Germany's economic position can stand the strain, and in the second, because the position is becoming so desperate that only by a final fling will it be possible to retrieve fortunes which even now are falling fast. The time may come when it will be necessary for the Allies to assume the initiative and force the pace, but there is nothing at present to demonstrate that the policy of remaining vigilantly on guard and permitting the Allied navies to get in their effective work is in any way wrong. In the meantime they are perfecting their armaments, adding considerably to their air strengths and generally putting themselves in a better position to prosecute the war than they were when it was first declared. That the Allies will strike swiftly when the occasion arises may be taken for granted, but that they should seek to force the pace at this juncture, with all the expense in men and material that such a course must entail, does not seem to be the wisest path to follow. — "N.C.D.N."

R.A.F. ATTACK AND SINK NAZI PATROL CRAFT

London, To-day.
THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCES that during a reconnaissance yesterday, aircraft of the R.A.F. Coastal Command attacked and sank an enemy patrol vessel in the eastern part of the North Sea. The attack was carried out in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire.

NEW NAZI THREAT TO FISHERMEN

Amsterdam, To-day.
The crews of ten Netherlands trawlers refused yesterday to put to sea.

Great alarm has been caused by the story told by the captains of two trawlers who reached their home port on Tuesday.

They were stopped by a German warship, they report, and were taken to the naval base of Borkum, where their ships' papers and their passports were examined.

They were then released and told not to fish east of 4 deg. East longitude.

This means they cannot fish in Dutch home waters! The line runs almost down the whole Dutch coast, from 10 to 50 miles out. — Reuter.

*** The line is about 20 miles due west of Rotterdam!

ANOTHER DUTCH SHIP MISSING

Amsterdam, To-day.
Another Netherlands ship is believed lost as a result of Nazi sea warfare.

She is the 400-ton coastal ship Saba, of which nothing has been heard for a week. She had a crew of seven.

The Saba reported being attacked by a German plane in the North Sea three weeks ago, and that she had been damaged.

It is presumed that the damage rendered her unseaworthy and that she sank while trying to get home. — Reuter.

ROSSINGTON COURT CREW LANDED

London, To-day.
Thirty-six officers and crew of the Rossington Court, which was rammed in the Atlantic on March 13 by an oil tanker, were landed at a south coast port yesterday.

There was no loss of life when the accident happened but the crew of the Rossington Court had no time to collect their belongings. The captain got away only with the ship's papers and his hat. — Reuter.

N.R.A. TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTORS

London, To-day.
The War Office has asked the National Rifle Association to provide a number of instructors for a training camp at Bisley.

In the last war, 15,000 officers and N.C.O.'s passed through rifle training schools staffed by N.R.A. members. — Reuter.

Four ships were seen close together and the pilots selected one as their target. They dived and released their bombs.

The rear gunner of one aircraft saw a salvo of bombs burst directly on the deck. There was a big explosion before the flames and smoke died down.

The British planes flew into a cloud to escape the storm of retaliatory fire and when they emerged saw only three ships.

One pilot said: "Where the ship had been there was only a mass of foaming frothy water." — Reuter.

SAN ANTONIO REFLOATED

The s.s. San Antonio, which went aground in Hainan Straits last Friday, some five miles south-west of the Luchow Peninsula, was refloated yesterday, the "China Mail" learns this morning.

A salvage tug from the Taikoo Dock assisted in refloating the ship and was this morning still in the vicinity.

The owners of the vessel have not yet received information of any possible damage to the ship.

The vessel which has on board cargo of coal from Haifong to Shanghai will continue her voyage unless it is found necessary for it to call at Hong Kong for repairs.

Sensational reports of pirates attempting to raid the vessel were described unreliable and without foundation.

WANG WON'T BE RECOGNISED

London, To-day.
Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that although it is inevitable that some foreign business interests will, of necessity, have to work in with the new "government" in China under Wang Ching-wei, so far as the British authorities are concerned it is understood their attitude will be one of complete non-recognition. — Reuter.

NEW BRITISH POUND NOTES

London, To-day.
The Bank of England announces that in accordance with arrangements made early in 1939, new type pound and 10/- notes will be issued shortly.

There will consequently be two types of these notes in circulation for the time, both of which will be legal tender.

The new type notes will be the same size and design as the present type except for the numbering in different colours. — Reuter.

DANISH LOSSES TO NAZI TERROR

COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY.
ON TUESDAY NIGHT IN THE DANISH PARLIAMENT, EVERY MEMBER ROSE WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED THE NATION'S GRIEF AT THE DESTRUCTION OF SEVEN DANISH SHIPS IN THE PAST EIGHT DAYS AND THE LOSS OF 80 LIVES BY NAZI SUBMARINES AND MINES.

He condemned Germany's actions against neutrals and her refusal to respect their right to carry on trade which is essential for their existence.

As a result of the Nazi seafare, Danish exports have fallen and the prices for imported goods have risen, so that the Government will now have to impose heavy new taxes. — Reuter.

REVOLT IN BOLIVIA QUELLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

La Paz, To-day.

It is officially announced that the revolt in Bolivia has been completely quelled, thanks to the loyalty of the military garrisons which enabled the Government to localise the revolt to La Paz itself.

General Antenor Ichazo, to whom the revolutionists offered the presidency, refused and led the loyal troops against the mutineers, crushing the revolt without bloodshed. — Havas.

ADMIRAL RAEDER MAY LOSE HIS JOB

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler, it is reported, does not at all like the idea of the Royal Navy cutting off his supplies from Sweden. His displeasure, it is reported, may even go so far as to replace Admiral Raeder by Admiral Karl. — Havas.

STALIN TO MEET HITLER?

Slight Complication

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

All preparations have been made for a meeting between Stalin and Hitler, and Hitler's private train is ready to leave for the frontier at a moment's notice, reports the Copenhagen correspondent of the "Daily Express."

The meeting was planned by the Nazi Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, who is confident it will take place soon on the new German-Russian frontier.

Stalin accepted a proposal to receive Hitler in Moscow but refused to go half-way.

Ribbentrop, however, is hopeful that Stalin will eventually accept.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss close German-Russian-Italian co-operation. — Havas.

NO PICNICS FOR NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The German radio used to call the North Sea a "German Sea," the idea being that the British Navy was cowering in its harbours, afraid to come out and meet the daring Nazis.

Now, the German radio announces that Britain is preparing to act in Danish waters.

Semi-official circles in Paris emphasize that the second statement is as false as the first. Britain will respect the territorial waters of the neutrals—but at the same time she will not allow the enemy to hold picnics on them! — Havas.

ALTMARK SPOTTED NEAR DENMARK

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Nazi "hell-ship" Altmark — of H.M.S. Cossack rescue fame — was reported yesterday to have passed the Danish island of Langeland, which is about 50 miles from Kiel. — Reuter.

CAIRO MANOEUVRES

Cairo, Yesterday.

Combined manoeuvres of British, Egyptian and Indian troops began yesterday in the desert south of Cairo. — Reuter.

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SECRETS OF THE GERMAN ESPIONAGE SERVICE

Wrecking And Protection of Wreckage Tools

When describing the various methods of the German espionage service, I have mentioned the so-called "luxury" spies and the mere tools. I have shown how the Gestapo agents frequent the higher circles and how their tools accomplish their tasks.

It may be said that the German terror and propaganda transformed all Germans who are Polish citizens into German agents. It can also be stated that all the Germans who arrived in Poland worked for the German Government. For instance, the German minority in Poland, fearing the Gestapo agents, voluntarily paid the taxes designed for the maintenance of the German anti-Polish organisation. Thus it is that this organisation was financed by funds of Polish origin collected in Poland.

The members of the two great German political groups in Poland, the Deutsche Vereinigung and the Jung Deutsche Partei formed, notwithstanding their apparent divergencies of views, a powerful block. Almost the whole of the German minority, now anti-Polish, has worked in these licit organisations, on cultural or economic pretexts, for pro-Nazi propaganda and military preparation.

A report from one of my informers reads: "According to instructions received from Berlin, almost all the Germans resident in Poland were provided with wireless receiving sets, some even with senders, to which reference will be made later on. The same persons also received propaganda literature, brochures, cards, etc. Even in Warsaw, a German club presented German propaganda films to its members."

In the beginning, the object was to conquer Poland by pacific means—by the spread of ideas, by economic measures organised by a German mission. But five years after the Non-Aggression Pact between Berlin and Warsaw, this "pacific" conquest was seen to be impossible. Germany's military preparations were complete, the Fuehrer's decision was taken, and the propaganda was conducted with undisguised brutality. At that time, young Germans were sent to pass their holidays in East Prussia, passing through Danzig; they received orders to occupy in advance certain strategic points indispensable to the Germans during the war.

Another of my informers draws attention to a still more interesting point: following the exchanges of students between the German minority in Poland and the Germans of Germany, a special school was founded to train spies for the war.

This is why it can be stated that these international exchanges of students, desirable as they may be in other respects, have enabled Germany to train large numbers of spies and to subject all the young people sent to her territory to intensive propaganda.

But the German propaganda was addressed not only to young people. For instance, all Polish engineers and pressmen, whose names did not figure on the black list of the Reich Pro-

paganda Ministry were extremely well received in Berlin. They benefited by special railway tickets to which tracts and brochures were added. In return for this hospitality, the Poles welcomed their German colleagues. The latter, excellent propagandists and informers, were always, as if by chance, provided with cameras. . . . This propensity to travel could also be noted in other professions, for instance, among tradesmen and industrialists.

Another example: A German motor manufacturer was studying the con-

By
Konrad Wrzos

struction of a special chassis for the Polish roads, which, as is well-known, are not particularly good. An agreement was signed between the two countries. The German engineers dispatched to Poland travelled over thousands of miles throughout the country, alleging the pretext of tests, when the only thing they had to do was to establish a factory for mounting the cars.

One must be fair: at all motor races organised by the Polish Automobile Club, the German participation, from the point of view of both vehicles and drivers, was extremely important. The cartographers of the German General Staff had received reliable information.

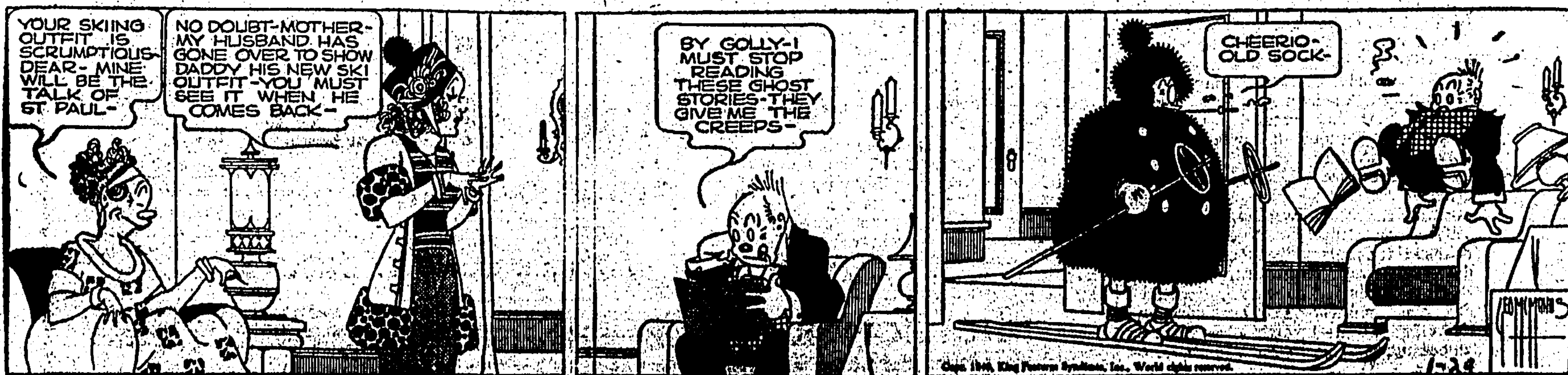
This also explains the large number of wrecking expeditions on the Polish roads. Here again, I wish to record certain personal reminiscences.

At the beginning of the German invasion, I was wandering about the country, that is, in the territory just behind the Polish lines. On September 7th, I was at Kasimierz, a picturesque village almost immediately outside Warsaw. Early in the morning, the diplomats and the Polish officials staying in this locality left, some in cars and others in lorries, for the eastern frontier of Poland. One of the last to go was the present Foreign Minister of Poland, Mr. Zaleski, with his friend, Mr. Falter, Under-Secretary of State for Finance. Mr. Zaleski had a long conversation with me while his car was filling up, a difficult matter at that moment. He gave me his opinion concerning the causes of the Polish defeat.

Mr. Zaleski, like the diplomats and numerous other persons, had arrived at Kasimierz, thinking that he would be able to stay there for some time. He was roused during the night. He was warned that the enemy were approaching and that he must leave at once. He got up in a hurry, and this is how I met this usually well dressed man in somewhat disordered garb, but with all his wellknown presence of mind and calm. The Messerschmidt

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Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

POLICE FIRE ON GANG IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, To-day.

For the first time for 10 years the police opened fire in Calcutta yesterday when a police picket was attacked by a gang of municipal scavengers who had been on strike the previous day.

After the police fired four rounds, 18 strikers were arrested.

About 15,000 scavengers are on strike, demanding a 25 per cent. increase in wages.

Efforts to extend the strike to other municipal services were checked by the arrest of seven leaders.—Reuter.

ROAD WRECKING AND PROTECTION OF WRECKAGE TOOLS

(Continued from Page 10)

squadrons were flying over the village at a great height. The anti-air artillery had been installed on the surrounding routes to cover the exodus of the diplomatic corps. Almost everyone left, and I remained alone on the verandah of a hotel. The Polish mechanised detachments passed at great speed, followed by lorries crowded with soldiers.

I heard the dull shock of shells which fell without exploding. At that moment, a young man came up to me and offered me a lift in his car if I could get him some petrol. He was an engineer, son of a Warsaw professor. This was an opportunity which had to be seized. I telephoned to the Prefect of Pulawy, asking him for an authorisation to receive some petrol. The reply was as follows; the Prefect, together with his staff, had had to evacuate the offices and had taken refuge in a cottage where he was continuing his work. He could provide me with petrol if I succeeded in passing through a road of which the greater part was in ruins.

How and why? "Last night, a considerable section of the road was wrecked by unknown hands."

This was the work of the German wreckers, who had received orders to break up the roads and thus to hamper the march of the Polish troops. And this was practically everywhere the case. The same unknown persons had also tried to destroy the little bridges connecting the important arteries. As they had not succeeded, the German planes had heavily bombed the surroundings of the bridges. The prefect continued: "If you like to try your luck, come over here and I will deliver the necessary authorisation." My providential rescuer, Mr. A was a brave man, he accepted the risk and we left. We succeeded in reaching the cottage where the prefect was installed; he explained the innumerable difficulties which he had to solve—to hunt down the wreckers of telegraph lines and roads and those who, under the cover of night, had even cut down trees and thrust them across the roads. Moreover, the petrol pump where we filled up was under continuous fire, luckily without damage. The German fliers had located it or rather, they had been informed of its existence.

In the night of September 11th or 12th. I took the road from Lwow to Krzemieniec. My travelling companion, Mr. A... who had been so kind as to drive me was exhausted by the difficulty of driving over a wrecked road. At each instant, it was necessary to get out in order to find means of avoiding the ditches made by the wreckers. Also, we were frequently stopped by patrols who were hunting down the wreckers. I presented my military safe-conduct and realised that the wreckers must be driving through the country in a car.

Quite recently, in Paris, a specialist of the counter-espionage services described to me various methods of wrecking: the use of nails, wire, tree-trunks, rails, etc. In some cases, the



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BROKER ON TRIAL IN PAPER CASE

Kwok Shin-chan, broker, formerly employed at the China Import and Export Company, was this morning charged before Sir Atholl MacGregor on four counts of receiving 158 reels of newsprint knowing same to have been stolen.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr., instructed by Mr. P. Sin, appeared for the prosecution, while accused was represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. A. Silva. The jury was composed of Messrs. P. K. Pavri (foreman), B. J. Tavares, V. T. Low, Leung Tan-kwong, Yee Ting-sheung, Chan Chau-ke and M. A. Xavier.

Mr. d'Almada said that the Ta Kung-pao, owners of the paper, purchased large quantities of paper which was stored in the godowns at Holt's Wharf. Delivery orders were made out when paper was required. The firm employed a man, Shui, who attended to English correspondence and to the issue of delivery orders, and who had now absconded. Shui and defendant came to know each other in the course of business and on July 27, Shui gave accused an order for 50 tons of paper. The cargo arrived in October and was duly stored at Holt's Wharf.

On January 14, Shui disappeared. His absence roused suspicions and on a check at Holt's Wharf, it was found that delivery had been taken unlawfully of 158 reels of paper.

The reels were traced to the godowns of the Wing On Co. Part had been sold by defendant in small lots, below the market price.

The case is proceeding.

signposts had been removed or defaced. A special case consisted in the use of a large truck, filled with nails and stones, which had discharged its contents in such a way as to bar the road.

This is why the German wreckers were always provided with stones, nails and large clippers to cut the telegraph wires, also with explosives. This is why the workshops of these persons were always spared by the German bombers, not only for their contents, but above all for the Germans there employed.

The following explanation is given by a reliable eye-witness; in a Polish province inhabited by Germans, all the chimneys had been painted black with white spots in order to signal the existence of Germans to the enemy planes. For the war was directed against the Poles and not against the Germans.

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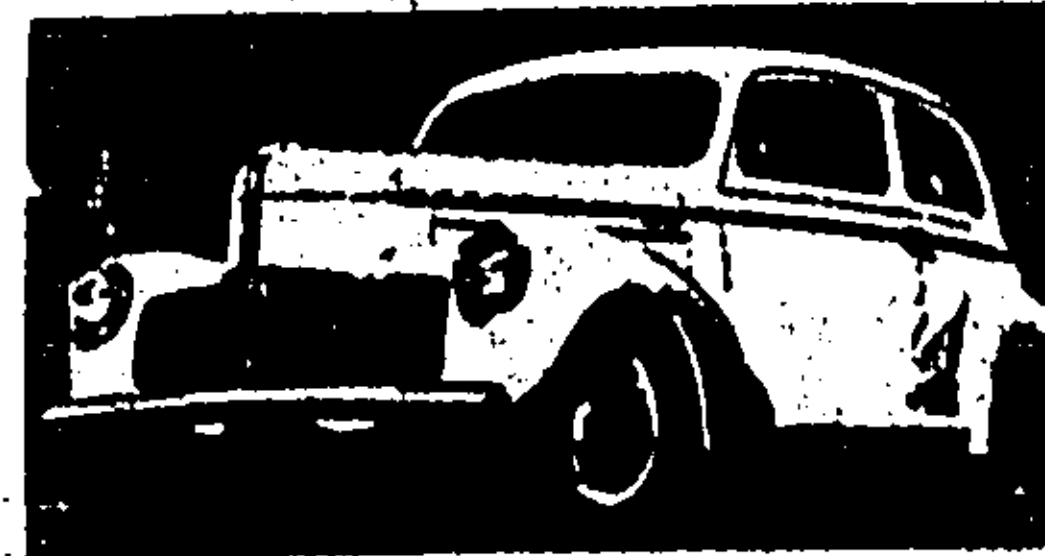
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Sandakan	March 30.
Shanghai	March 31.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 22nd March	March 31.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 23rd March	March 31.
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Saigon	March 31.
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Haiphong, Fort-Bayard and Holhow	April 1.
Haiphong	April 1.
Straits	April 2.
Bangkok and Saigon	April 2.
Shanghai	April 2.
U.S.A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 28th Feb.)	April 2.

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Shanghai		Mar. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy		Mar. 28, 7.00 p.m.
Manila		Mar. 28, 7.00 p.m.
Shanghai		Mar. 29, 7.00 p.m.
FRIDAY		
Shanghai, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America (No parcels for Canada only) via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 19th April	Par., Reg., Ord.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Mar. 29, 5.00 p.m. Mar. 30, 9.45 a.m. Mar. 30, 10.30 a.m.
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Shanghai and Japan		Mar. 30, 5.00 p.m.
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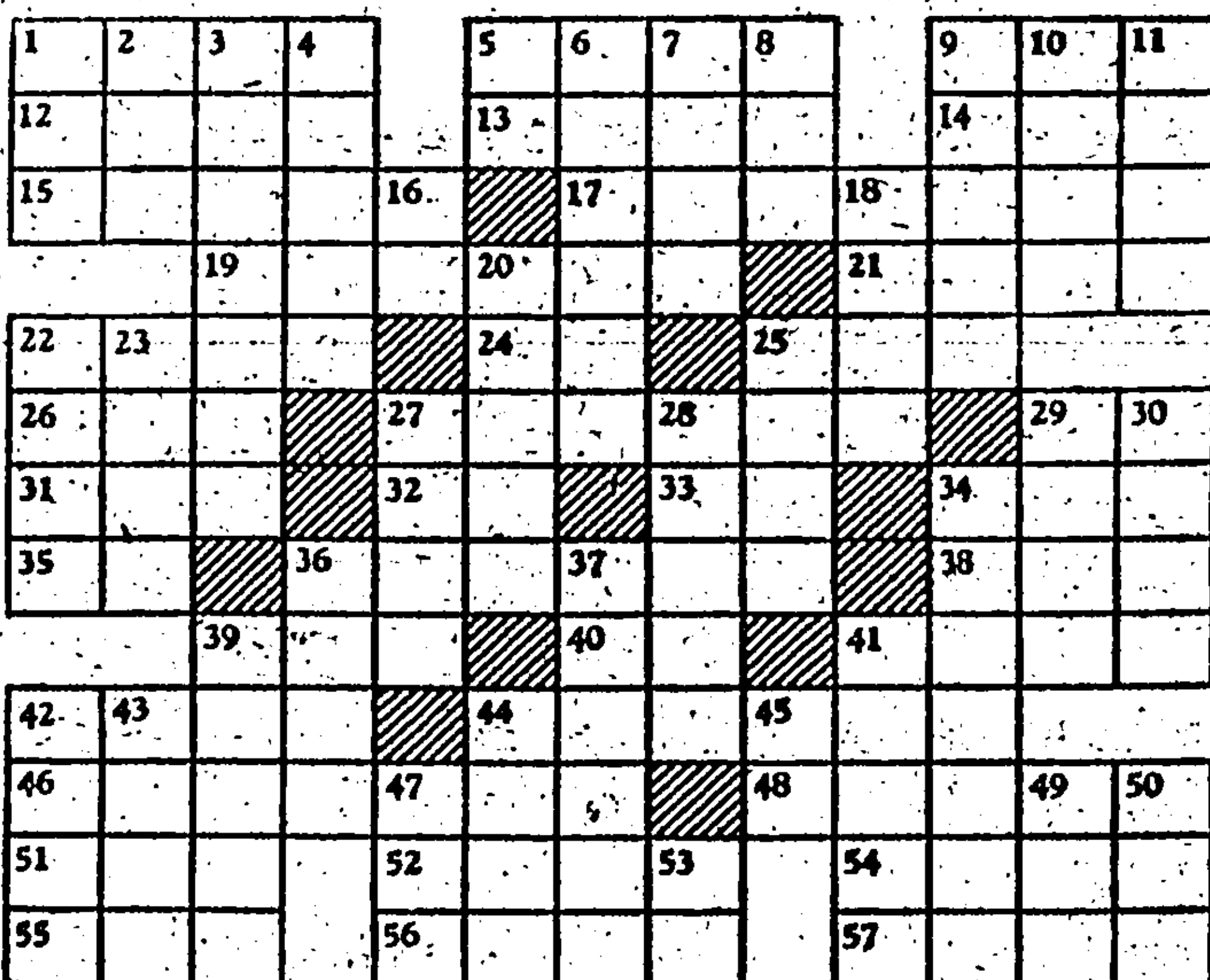
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- 42 Prophet
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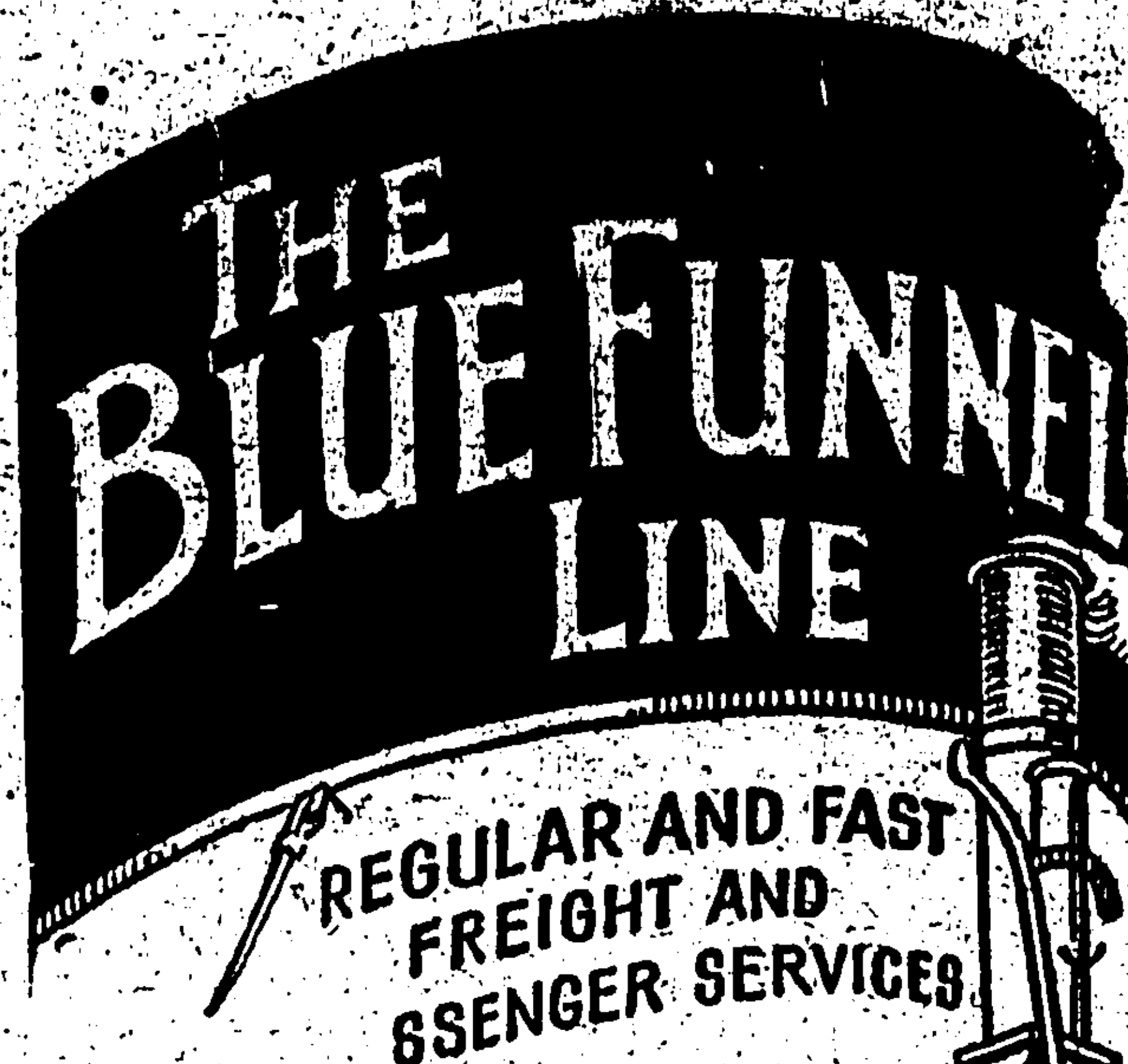
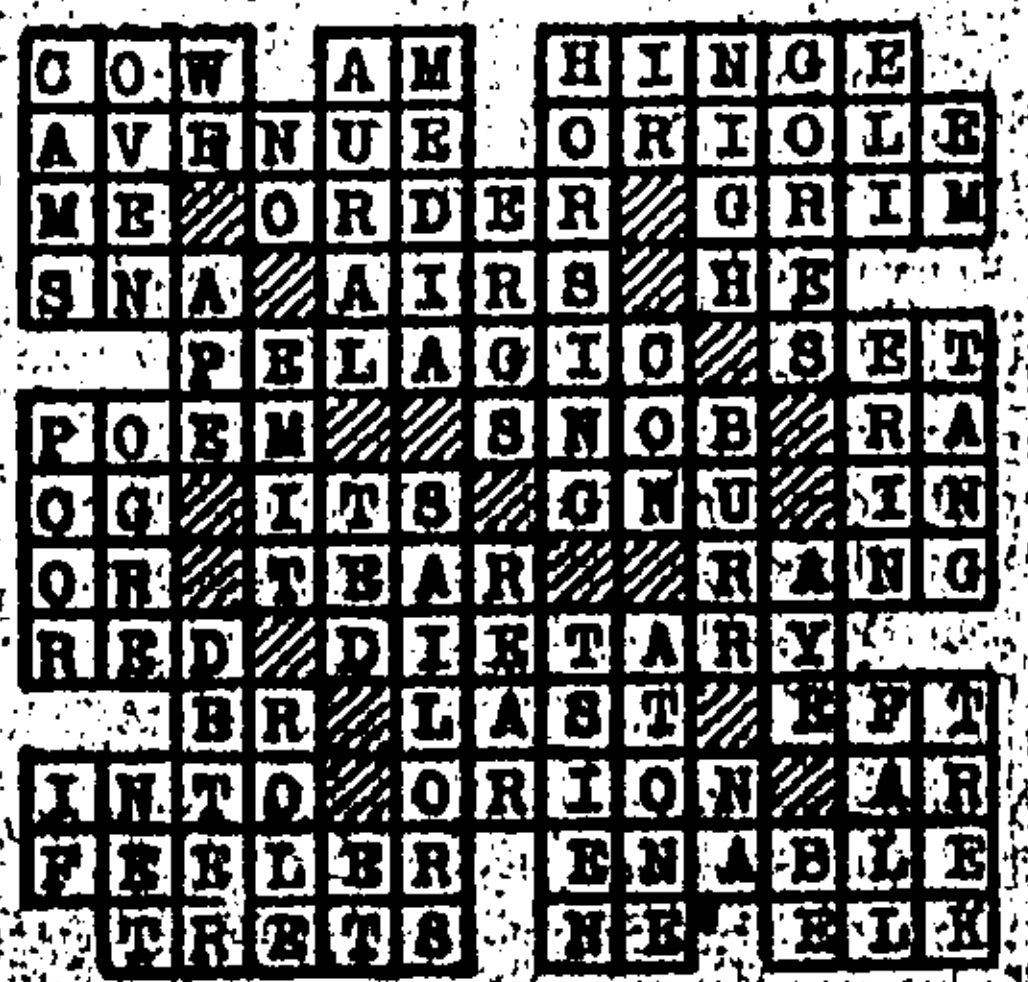
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- 10 Seed coating
- 11 Mass of hair
- 16 Roman gods
- 18 Deep affection
- 20 Evil one
- 22 Curved molding
- 23 To separate
- 25 Glacial ridges
- 27 Greedy
- 28 Tall grasses
- 29 Piece of glass
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- 36 Poetic daybreak
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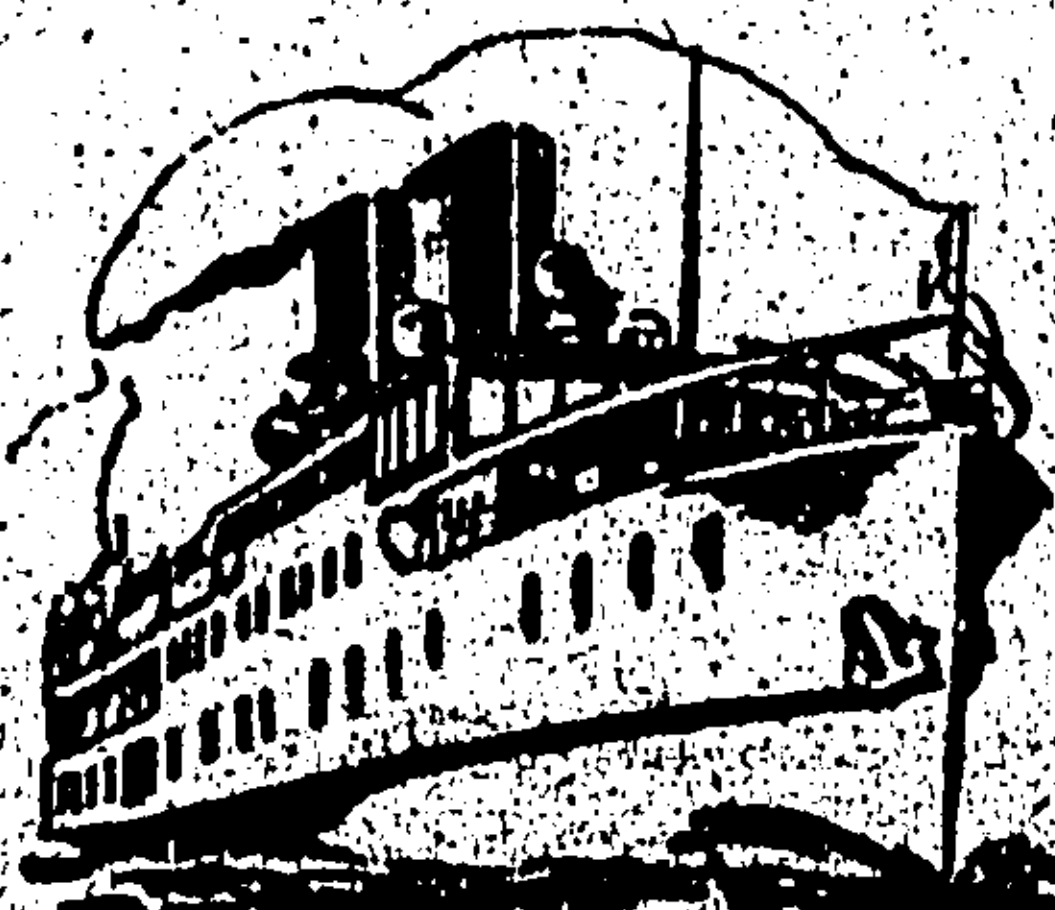
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Mr. Churn was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. N. V. A. Croucher, J. P. Braga, Li Tse-fong and T. B. Wilson, directors, and Mr. R. A. Wickerson, secretary and manager.

The chairman said:—Before proceeding with the business of the Meeting, it is my painful duty to have to record officially the death of Mr. Paul M. Hodgson. The late Mr. Hodgson, as you are no doubt aware, was a member of this Board for 14 years in an unbroken line, and in his demise, the Company has been deprived of the services of a wise and resourceful counsellor. May I ask that you will stand for a moment in silence as a mark of your respect to his memory?

Proceeding, the chairman said:—The profit for the year under review, after making provision for all known contingencies, was \$283,675.14, equal to 12.83% on issued capital.

You will recall that in my speech at the previous annual general meeting I stated that the profit earned in 1938 was exceptional as it had been earned under the extraordinary conditions ruling throughout that year, and, of the \$550,000 made in 1938, the sum of \$278,000 had been derived from leased godowns accommodating distressed cargo, thus the profit from our own properties was \$278,000. At the beginning of 1939 all leased godowns, except the North Point Yard, had been given up and the profit for the year from this source was only \$35,000 whilst the earnings on our own properties amounted to \$279,000.

NOVEMBER RECORD

The year 1939 opened with a moderate demand for space, which except for the set-back at the beginning of the war, improved during the year until a peak was reached in November last, which proved to be a record month for earnings from our own properties in the company's history. During the present year our godowns have been full to capacity and the demand for storage space seems likely to continue. We have not been able to rent sufficient godown space to take care of all our clients' demands, but for the accommodation of a few of our old clients we have rented two small godowns, which will only shew a very moderate profit. Owing to the lack of space we have during January and February this year had to refuse several steamers, but recently we have been able to resume this important phase of our business.

I am pleased to record that our customers have availed themselves to a greater extent of the facilities we offer for loans against cargo stored with us. These loans are invariably granted with ample margin and are for short terms only. All the loans outstanding as at December 31, 1939, have since been repaid, except one loan which we have renewed.

SINKING FUND

During the year under review your Board have adopted a definite scheme of depreciation based on a sinking fund at 3½% interest to provide the book value of the land held under seventy five year Crown Leases and all the buildings over the remaining life of the properties. The funds now stand at \$47,731.74 and are covered by an investment in Hong Kong Government 4% Loan Bonds as shown under the item "Sinking fund investments" on the assets side of the balance sheet.

Furniture and equipment and motor trucks and motor boat have been adequately depreciated.

The book value of our investment in the Sandakan Light and Power Co. (1922) Ltd., has been adjusted to market value in accordance with the terms of my speech at the last annual general meeting, and the surplus of \$276,468.60 transferred to the investment fluctuation reserve.

The item "Investments \$146,167.16" represents \$110,000 3½% Hong Kong Government loan bonds and \$29,000 4% Hong Kong Government loan bonds. The amount due from sundry debtors at the end of the year was \$145,993.92 of which \$119,052.28 has since been collected.

The employees' provident funds have, during the year, been vested in trustees and withdrawn from the company's general assets. The scope of this fund has been enlarged so that it now includes all our permanent employees with three years' service earning over \$50 a month.

FIFTY CENTS' DIVIDEND

The balance now available for appropriation is \$357,842.88 made up of the profit for the year 1939 \$283,675.14 and the amount brought forward from 1938 \$74,007.74. Your directors will recommend to this meeting that a dividend of fifty cents per share be paid absorbing \$221,100.50, the sum of \$50,000 be transferred to General Reserve, the sum of \$15,000 be distributed to the staff at the discretion of the directors and that the balance then remaining \$71,676.88 be carried forward to 1940 account and we trust that

LOCAL SHARES

enquiries in local share quotations to—Following is the list of changes and day:

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$505 b., \$510 sa.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$107 b.
China Rights \$22 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. Lands \$37¼ s.
Humphreys \$8 sa.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17¼ s., \$17.65/75 sa.

Yaumati Ferries \$26½ s.
China Lights (Old) \$8¼ b., \$8.30 sa.
China Lights (New) \$5.40 b.
H.K. Electrics \$65½ sa.
Telephones (Old) \$30¼ s.

INDUSTRIALS

H.K. Ropes \$5.65 sa.
STORES, & C.

Dairy Farms (Old) \$21¼ b., X.D.
\$21¼ sa., X.D.

Watsons \$10½ s.

MISCELLANEOUS

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 102 sa.
MISCELLANEOUS

Antamoks Ps. .11 b.
Atoks Ps. .16 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .21¼ sa.
Batong Buhay Ps. .011 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. .550 b.
Big Wedge Ps. .18 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .11 sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .003 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .10 b.
East Mindanao Ps. .09½ b.
I.X.L. Ps. .36 sa.
Ipo Gold Ps. .09½ b.
Itogons Ps. .20 sa.
Masbates Ps. .08¼ sa.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .09¼ sa.
Mine Operation Ps. .09 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .18 b.
San Mauricio Ps. .73 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .18 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .12 sa.
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .019 b.
United Paracales Ps. .24 sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 25/32.

London silver was quoted at 20-1/4 for spot and 20-5/16 for forward.

The cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York/London £—U.S.\$3.49-3/8.

these suggestions will meet with your approval.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Hodgson we have invited Sir Robert H. Kotewall, Kt. C.M.G., L.L.D., to join the board and this appointment requires the confirmation of the shareholders at this meeting.

Resolutions were passed dealing with the balance available on the profit and loss account as recommended by the directors, re-electing Mr. J. P. Braga and Sir Robert Ho Tung as directors, confirming the appointment to the board of Sir Robert Kotewall, and re-appointing Linstead and Davis and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming auditors at a fee of \$1,000 each.

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BARBARISM UNLEASHED BY NAZIS IN WARSAW

TERRORISM DRIVES MANY INSANE

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

On the Polish Frontier.

THROUGH THE STREETS of Warsaw, the ancient Polish capital, wander crowds stricken by a sad malady.

Warsaw's crowds to-day have nothing in common with the gay pre-war populace. It is hard now to find a single person who is not in mourning.

Many women have lost their husbands, fathers or brothers. Many children are orphaned. Many men, bereft of their families and crazed by sorrow, have lost their reason. One sees lunatics everywhere in this unhappy city.

According to a rough estimate, 20 per cent. of the children of Warsaw are now insane as the result of the German bombardment, the loss of their parents or the measures of persecution carried out against the Poles and the Jews.

ROVE THE STREETS

In most cases, however, the maniacs are men possessed by a mad thirst for vengeance. There is no room in the hospitals for these unhappy people, and they rove the streets as vagabonds.

They are seeking every opportunity to avenge themselves, and dozens of German officers and men have been killed by them.

The real attacks on the Germans are, however, organised by countless terrorist groups, men burning with indignation at the ravishing of their country. The German authorities are waging a fierce campaign against these guerrillas.

Since, in the majority of cases, the German officers and men are killed by students and young intellectuals, it is against these that the campaign is directed.

The stamping out of the aristocrats and intellectuals in Poland is assuming greater and greater proportions.

WAVE OF ARRESTS

The wave of arrests is at present spreading among professors, teachers, writers and artists. Very often Polish intellectuals are arrested without any cause.

Sometimes the German authorities accuse them of having shown sympathy with illegal organisations. Sometimes they are merely charged with having refused to collaborate with the Germans.

The Berlin Government thus aims at completely annihilating this section of the Polish population so as to deprive the people of intellectual leadership. Barbarian methods are employed to this end.

The German authorities have, for instance, begun to destroy Warsaw's libraries and archives. Priceless volumes taken from the public library of Warsaw and from the University libraries are used as fuel heating stoves.

At the same time, the archives of historical research societies and of the University faculties of history and philology are being destroyed.

PRICELESS HERITAGE

The Germans are wiping out a priceless heritage—a witness to all that the Poles have contributed to science, literature and civilisation.

The methods of the Middle Ages are being used to crush the guerrillas who will not leave the Germans in peace.

Here is an example. Poles killed a German officer, and two soldiers in a cafe of the suburb of Warsaw known by the name of Wawer. The reprisals were frightful.

That very night, in the suburb of Warsaw, the Gestapo killed 120 Poles, including women and children. These wretched people were dragged from their beds and taken to the outskirts of the city, where they were shot.

Here is another tragic story. As frequently happens, a detachment of the Gestapo were conducting an investigation in the Lazienki Garden one day in December. They noticed a group of 40 students, and these the police surrounded.

Only a cursory questioning prefaced a monstrous slaughter. The students began to defend themselves by throwing stones. This gave the Gestapo an excellent pretext for shooting all 40 of them on the spot.

SHOTS FROM WINDOWS

From time to time shots are fired from windows on to German troops in the street. Woe to the inhabitants of the house whence such a shot is fired. The Gestapo immediately throws a cordon round the building and puts to death all the adult males found within.

The Jews, as is well known, are subjected to special treatment. Every Jew over 13 years of age is obliged to wear a special arm-band showing the shield of David—the emblem of the Jewish race.

And Jew appearing in the street without this brassard does so at the risk of three months' imprisonment.

Thanks to the arm-bands, the Gestapo can easily recognise these unfortunate people and round them up for forced labour in clearing the city of debris.

A scheme for creating a Ghetto in Warsaw was dropped. To secure the abandonment of this project the Jewish community in Warsaw had to pay a sum of 2,000,000 zlotys, or about £45,000, to the German authorities.

The Germans suggested that the community should pay a further sum to liberate the Jews from the necessity of wearing the arm-band of David. The Jewish community was, however, unable to find this additional money.

They had decided to put by something for future contingencies; for the Germans have things still more terrible in store for the Jews.

The proposed introduction of labour conscription and the Jewish reserve at Lublin will, in fact, cost Warsaw Jewry further considerable sums.

CHEAP LABOUR

The Germans regard Warsaw—and, indeed, the whole of Poland—as nothing more than a great reservoir of cheap labour.

With indescribable cruelty, they are constantly seeking new ways of making it impossible for the people of Warsaw to continue their existence.

For the first few months after the entry of the German troops it was still possible, by paying very high prices, to buy food from the peasants. But in January a series of new decrees created famine in the capital.

In the first place the peasants were forbidden to supply Warsaw with food. They were forced to sell their produce at artificially low prices to the German authorities, while a system of rationing was introduced in the Polish capital.

Secondly, a decree published towards the end of January dishonoured banknotes of 100 and 500 zlotys, equal to £2.50 and £12.50 respectively.

GERMAN CASUALTIES FROM 'FLU

Influenza is sweeping through the Slegfried Line and claiming many casualties, according to a usually reliable source at Eupen, on the Belgian-German frontier.

Several German watering-places are full of sick soldiers. It is added, one Westphalian Spa alone having 2,000 men under treatment. Many are ill with pneumonia, rheumatism or pleurisy.

The severe cold, it is explained, has made conditions extremely hard for the Slegfried Line defenders. Their forts are damp and lack heating.

These notes, of which great numbers had been issued, were without notice declared valueless and people possessed of small savings found themselves penniless.

Without work and without money the people of Warsaw are in a state of wretchedness difficult to conceive.

WALLS WILL CRUMBLE

A cold wave of a severity which it has not known for nearly a century has this winter swept over the half-ruined city, which is suffering from shortage of coal. But soon the thaw will come, and that will be worse than the Arctic cold.

The buildings damaged by the bombardment have stood against rain and cold. But when the spring sunshine begins to melt the ice, which still holds together the walls of many ruined houses, they will crumble.

Thus the long tale of disaster bids fair to continue. Once again the people will be searching for corpses under the debris. Even to-day, despite the employment of scores of labour corps, composed of Jews, who are engaged in clearing away the bodies, fresh victims of the war are continually being found. Warsaw cemeteries are already full.

The normal grave-space of two square yards is now made to accommodate five coffins piled one upon the other.

And every day more victims of famine, typhus and collapsing houses are borne to the cemetery.

NO HOLIDAY

London, To-day.

To avoid delay to neutral shipping the British contraband committee continued daily meetings during the Easter holidays and held its two hundredth sitting on March 22.

To that date the committee had considered the cargoes of 3,052 ships of which 314 were British and 2,738 foreign.

One item—27,000 weasands—placed in prize has been the subject of newspaper correspondence and it is now explained that these are the windpipes of bullocks and are used for making sausage casings.—British Wireless.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was very quiet yesterday, most groups tending to ease apart from Kafirs which were supported by local and Cape buying, and home rails which continued the previous day's advance.

The new War Loan closed at 5/15 discount. Well Street was firm.—Reuter.

HIGHLAND REGIMENTS IN THE LINE

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HAS TAKEN OVER A NEW SECTION OF THE LINE FROM THE FRENCH. TROOPS WHO REACHED FRANCE ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO, INCLUDING THREE HIGHLAND REGIMENTS, ARE OCCUPYING THE NEW SECTOR.

During the last two days, there has been great activity by the German air force, enemy machines making several flights over eastern and northern France.

The Germans made daylight flights on Tuesday behind the Maginot Line, presumably in an attempt to discover French troop movements. The total number of planes taking part is described as "of certain importance"—Reuter.

KIPLING'S HOME FOR THE NATION

The home for many years of Rudyard Kipling, Batemans, at Burwash, East Sussex, has been left to the National Trust by Mrs. Kipling with an endowment of £5,000.

Batemans is a moderate-sized stone house with mullioned windows and brick chimneys, Jacobean in style. The porch bears the date 1634.

Mrs. Kipling expressed the wish that her husband's study should be left in its present state and that certain of the living rooms should be open to the public at a small charge on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The Trust is now anxious to find as soon as possible a suitable tenant who will take the house on these terms.

DOCTOR'S BAG THEFT

Dr. J. S. H. Scott, of Alexandra Building, has reported the theft of a brown leather bag containing instruments and medicine, from his car No. 3484, which was parked in the Chater Road car park.

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To-day's Wireless

Children's
Hour

5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.
6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—My Pony Boy; Horsey,
Keep Your Tail Up....Freddie
"Schnickelfritz" Fisher and His
Band.
Slow Fox-Trot—The Day We Meet
Again; Fox-Trot—The Man With
The Mandolin....Gerald & His
Orchestra.
Tangos—Se Lo Llevaron; La Puna-

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lada... Orquesta Tipica Francisco
Canaro.
Fox-Trot—We've Come A Long Way
Together; Novelty Dance—The
Handsome Territorial.... Billy
Cotton & His Band.
Swing Fox-Trots—Undecided; The
Lady's In Love With You (film

'Some like it Hot').... Benny
Goodman & His Orchestra.
Waltz—Don't Forget The Old Folks
At Home; Fox-Trot—So Many
Memories.... Billy Thorburn &
His Music.
Slow Fox-Trot—Broken-Hearted
Clown; Fox-Trot—Why Can't We
Make Love.... Harry Roy & His
Orchestra.

(Luther); Don't Go In The Lion's
Cage To-Night (Luther)... Zora
Layman & The Hometowners with
Orchestra.
Humorous—John Henry's Night Out
(Henry)... John Henry assisted
by Gladys Horridge.
Cinema Organ—"The King Steps
Out" Medley (Kreisler)... Re-
ginald Foort.
Comedian—The Wedding of a Gigolo
(Nesbitt & Others); I Want To Be
A Nudist (Nesbitt & Others)...
Eddie Pola with Orchestra.
Vocal—Poor Me, Poor You (McCon-
nell & Others); Fidler Joe (Lon-
don & More)... Gracie Fields
with Orchestra.
Vocal—Night Nursery (Kelly A
Arundale); The Village That No-
body Knows (Simpson-Haydn
Wood)... Turner Layton at the
Piano.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Vive La
France"—5. The fifth of a series on
the Life of the French Army and
People.
9.45 p.m.—A French Programme with
Georges Thill (Tenor) and Jane
Bathori (Mezzo-Soprano).
10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Over
the Garden Wall". A Sketch.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



(By The Four Aces)

David Bruce Burnstone, Merwin D. Mater, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schen-
ken... World's leading Team-of-Four, Inventors of the system that has
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PART SCORE A BOOMERANG

A partial score is usually an asset
because many opportunities arise
wherein an additional part score can
be made that will produce the game.
Sometimes, however, a part score
(especially if it be only 20 or 30
points) can prove a boomerang. The
reason is this: When once a player
with a part score has opened the bid-
ding and his partner has responded,
the partnership is committed to a con-
tract which, if made, will be sufficient
to complete the game. Knowing this,
a wily opponent may contentedly pass
a strong hand until the game contract
is reached.

Observe West's restraint in passing
his fine hand until North and South
reached their game-fulfilling contract.

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
North-South 80 on score

♠ K J 9 8 4 3
♥ K
♦ Q 10 2
♣ K Q 5

♠ A 5
♥ A 10 9 7
♦ 6 3
♣ A 9 4 2

♠ Q 10 2
♥ 4
♦ J 9 6 5
♣ J 10 8

♠ 7 6
♥ Q J 8 5 2
♦ K 8 7 4 3
♣ 6

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
4♦	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Against four diamonds doubled
West opened the club Ace, then shift-
ed to the Ace and a small heart. A
spade was discarded from dummy.
East trumped and put his
partner back in with
the spade Ace. A third
round of hearts was
trumped with dummy's
top of diamonds and
East over-ran with
the Jack. The dia-
mond Ace then gave

the defence their sixth trick for a nice
500-point penalty.

On this particular hand the partial
score was a detriment for, without it,
we feel certain that North and South
would have gotten no higher than a
contract of two spades.

Yesterday both sides were vulner-
able and the opponents had 40 on
score. You were Howard Schenken's
partner and held:

♠ 9 x x
♥ 10 x x
♦ K x x x
♣ Q x x

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Burnstone
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
(?)			

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to
pass. You are too weak to "push."
Your partner, who also knows the
score, will not let your opponents
"steal" the rubber if he has a good
hand.

Score 100% for pass, 40% for two
spades, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 369

David Bruce Burnstone is your
partner. You are the dealer and
hold:

♠ A K 10 9 x x
♥ A x x
♦ K x
♣ 10 x

The bidding:

You	Mater	Burnstone	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer
(tomorrow.)

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ISOBEL WINS

The following were the results of a sweep-
stake race held by the Royal Hong Kong
Yacht Club yesterday over 8.05 miles:

Finished	Corrd.	Pos.
Isobel	4.20.55	1
(Surg. Lt. Cdr. T. A. Page)		
Tan	4.20.57	2
(Major C. V. Seagrims)		
Zephyr	4.24.28	3
(Capt. G. E. Neve)		
True Blue	4.21.45	4
(Capt. A. O. G. Mills)		
Eve	4.23.47	5
(Miss Crawhall Wilson)		
Gull	4.28.40	6
(Cdr. R. B. H. Johnstone)		
La Linda	D.N.F.	0
(Capt. T. H. Brown)		

Y.M.C.A. Teams

The following hockey teams will repre-
sent Y.M.C.A. to-day and Saturday in
friendly fixtures:

To-day.—1st XI v Recreio ("Y" ground,
5.15 p.m.):—Benwell; Jordan and Yourieff;
Pennington, McLellan and Waldron; High-
lands, Gemmell, White, Rose and Walls.
Saturday.—1st XI v Normads ("Y" ground,
4.15 p.m.):—Benwell; Jordan and Yourieff;
Kempton, Pennington and Waldron; Bates,
Elsley, Taylor, Rose and Walls.
2nd XI v "Y" Ladies ("Y" ground, 3

FANLING GOLF

The prizes for the best rounds in the
Shanghai Visitor's Cup golf competition,
held at Fanling over the Easter holidays,
were won by the following:

Morning:—Wing Comdr. Steele-Perkins
88—10—72. P. L. Lloyd scored 87—15—72,
but had the higher score over the last nine
holes.
Afternoon:—W. W. C. Shewan 80—9—71.
There is no alteration to the leading scores
which have already been published except
the inclusion of D. I. Bosanquet 75+77=152.
Other competitions resulted as follows:

L. R. Andrewes (5), one up, won the Bo-
gey Par Pool over the Old Course, while
Surg. Comdr. C. B. Nicholson (8), one
down, was second. S. L. Lloyd (15) and
Major W. E. Harvey (10) were also one
down, but the prize goes to the player with
the best homeward half. There were 65
entries.

L. Reidy with a card of 85—21—64 won
the Medal Round from 33 other entries.
Capt. A. C. F. Drew-Wilkinson (15), four
down, won the Bogeys Par Pool over the
New Course from 14 other entries. Re-
sult of the Mixed Bogeys competition will
be announced later.

p.m.):—Millington; Killeen and Toulinson;
Smits, Gilchrist and Ireson; Macey, Dor-
mer, Stone, Greenberg and Banks.



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QUEEN'S COLLEGE SPORTS

Queen's College twenty-fourth annual sports were held yesterday afternoon at the College ground Causeway Bay.

The Senior Championship Cup, was won by Liang Shau-hong, with a score of 14 points, and Chan Sun-chiu, with 23 points, was awarded the Junior Championship Cup.

Results:—

- Long Jump (Senior)—Kwong Yue-hung, 17 ft. 10 in.
Long Jump (Junior)—Eu Tse-tao, 15 ft. 3.5 in.
120 Yards Hurdles (Senior)—Liang Shau-hong, 19 sec.
120 Yards Hurdles (Junior)—Chan Sun Chiu, 19.5 sec.
Putting the Weight—Gopal Singh, 29 ft. 7 in.
High Jump (Senior)—Ip Man-wai, 5 ft. ½ in.
High Jump (Junior)—Rahim, 4 ft. 5 in.
100 Yards (Senior)—Liang Shau-hong, 11.2 sec.
100 Yards (Junior)—Chan Sun-chiu, 12 sec.
Half-Mile Handicap—Lo Tak-fai.
Three-Legged Race—Ho Woon-kam and Hung Hing-kwai.
100 Yards Class 8—Eu Tze-fat, 12 sec.
440 Yard (Senior)—Fong Hing-yeung, 57.6 sec.
440 Yards (Junior)—Chan Sun-chiu, 65 sec.
One Mile Race—Kahn Mohammed, 5 mins. 32.8 sec.
Old Boys' Potato and Spoon Race—Chan Fook-tun.
Pick-a-back Race—Ho Kwok-wah and Mok Siu-kwan.
220 Yards (Senior)—Fong Hin-yeung, 24.6 sec.
220 Yards (Junior)—Chan Sun Chiu, 27.8 sec.
Old Boys' 100 Yards Handicap—Mr. T. E. Yeoh.
Invitation Relay Race—Wah Yan College, 2 mins. 47.8 sec.
Small Boys' Team Relay Race—Class 7C, 57.8 sec.
Junior Class Team Relay Race—Class 5B, 1 min. 55.8 sec.
Senior Class Team Relay Race—Class 2C, Consolation Race—Ho Lap-cheong.
Volley Ball (Senior)—1939 Class M1, 1940 Class 3D.
Basketball—1939 Class 3D.
Individual Ping Pong Champion—Chan Wing-cheung.
Individual Chess Champion—Tsal Chi-hong.
Inter-Class Ping Pong Championship—Class 2B.
Inter-Class Chess Championship—Class 3D.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day.
The following are the results of matches played yesterday.

Scottish Cup (Third Round Replay)			
Airdrie	2	Hearts	2
Scottish League (Western)			
Hamilton	4	Ayr	2
Queen O'S	4	Motherwell	1
Third Lanark	3	Dumbarton	2
Eastern			
King's Park	4	St. Bernard's	1
Stenhousemuir	2	Hibernian	1

—Reuter.

Shield Tie To-day

The Junior Soccer Shield semi-final tie between South China and Royal Engineers will be played this afternoon on Club ground at 5 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH MOST ENTERTAINING

By "ADREM"

IT IS EXTREMELY doubtful whether any better tennis will be seen in the current tournament than that at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday between former champion, H. D. Rumjahn, and O. Umetani, the Japanese, making his first appearance in the championships.

Rumjahn won 6-1, 6-2 but these scores, in no way indicate the closeness of the encounter, which was marked by thrilling rallies.

It is doubtful whether H. D. has ever played better tennis than he did yesterday. It was apparent that Umetani did not like the court, which was not a good one by any means, but the former champion did not win on the mistakes of his opponent but usually on his own brilliance.

UNCANNY CONTROL

His control of all his shots was uncanny and although he won a good many of his points with accurate driving from the baseline, on the occasions that he forced matters from the forecourt, he invariably won the rally.

He had the answer to Umetani's every shot, and it must have been most discouraging for the Japanese to have all his best shots returned with interest or cut off for winners at the net.

In the first set, Rumjahn lost the first game, while he appeared to be sizing up the opposition. Finding that Umetani was susceptible to an attack on the backhand, he concentrated a succession of sizzling forehand drives to this wing, followed up to the net, and rarely failed to win the point outright with a crisp volley.

On the occasions that Umetani attempted to take the net, Rumjahn passed him with the utmost ease.

Umetani's strokes were not in sufficient working order to gain him the day. He gave the impression that he lacked practice. His forehand drive was very accurate and at best he kept Rumjahn running from side to side with steamy drives into alternate corners. Several occasions, however, with Rumjahn worked right out of position, he mistimed his volley or hit a lob into the net.

His service was better than it had appeared heretofore and Rumjahn was seldom able to take liberties with it.

VITAL GAMES

Umetani, as in the first set, also won the first game in the second, but Rumjahn went away with the next four games in a row. The Japanese then won the sixth game for 4-2 and, realising the importance of that vital seventh game, which would have given Rumjahn a 5-2 lead, he fought desperately, but, after several brilliant rallies, the unflinching consistency of Rumjahn carried him through.

The last game saw Rumjahn in his most irresistible mood. It was apparent that Umetani, even at this stage, had not accepted defeat—he rushed over to return one drive that looked a winner all the way—but it was to no avail. Rumjahn hit them deep into the corners, followed up to the net and crashed winners all over the court to emerge a worthy winner.

On his form yesterday Rumjahn is still capable of beating anyone in the Colony over three set matches, provided the weather is as cool and as pleasant for tennis as it was yesterday.

OPEN SINGLES

H. D. Rumjahn beat O. Umetani 6-1, 6-2.

CLUB SINGLES

B. C. Fay beat T. C. Monaghan 6-4, 6-2.

HANDICAP SINGLES

C. B. Nicholson (—3/6) beat E. R. Child (—1/6) 6-4, 6-2.

M. Pagh (—30.3) beat W. M. Barton (—3/6) 6-3, 0-6, 6-2.

R. G. Biesel, Jr., received a "walk-over" from H. J. Armstrong.

A. C. I. Bowker and A. H. Penn (+1.6) beat W. Stoker and G. C. Burnett (—5.6) 1-6, 6-1, 7-5.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's programme of Colony tennis matches at Hong Kong Cricket Club:

Open Doubles

I. and B. Agafuroff v Wong Fook-nam and Lam Kwan (5).

Pang Oi Lam and Leung Ping-chiu v J. L. C. Pearce and D. I. Bosanquet (4).

Kwok Hing-chung and Lui Kwai-fan v C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson (8).

Handicap Singles

A. K. Mackenzie (2/6) v E. Zulauf (—15) (6).

H. J. Armstrong (—30) v S. M. Garrard (—15.3) (7).

Handicap Doubles

T. A. Pearce and F. D. Hunter (—3/6) v C. D. N. Walker and E. L. Taverner (scratch) (1).

C. B. Nicholson and G. C. Hobbs (—2.6) v F. Macleod and E. S. Hall (+1/6) (2).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

P. W. Blyth and Miss B. Fair (scratch) v J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill (—15.2) (3).

ST. JOHN'S VIRTUAL CHAMPIONS

A very keen and exciting match was witnessed in Bonham Road last night, when St. John's beat King's College by 6 games to 3, in a "B" Division League badminton match.

As a result of this match St. John's are now virtually assured of the championship. H. Eardley and R. C. Beavan (St. John's) beat K. H. Lo and P. Lam 21-5; lost to S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung 17-21; beat H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui 23-21; N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's) beat Lo and Lam 21-5; lost to Chan and Chung 9-21; beat Woo and Lui 23-21; F. Kwok and D. Kwok (St. John's) beat Lo and Lam 21-9; beat Chan and Chung 21-17; lost to Woo and Lui 18-21.

K.C.C. VICTORY

In a B division badminton match last night, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Victoria Recreation Club 5-4.

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON

Following is to-night's programme of Colony badminton matches:—

MIXED DOUBLES

J. Clark and Mrs. Beattie v K. L. Yung and Miss U. Khoo (King's College, 8 p.m.).

P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung v H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley (Recreation, 8 p.m.).

JUNIOR SINGLES

T. S. Young v N. L. Smith (Recreation, 8.30 p.m.).

RIFLE SHOOTING

LARGE ENTRIES

The fifth annual prize meeting of the Hong Kong Rifle Association which incorporates the Services Meeting, opened yesterday at Kowloon City in brilliant weather and large crowds made their way to the ranges.

Shooting commenced at 9 a.m., but entries for the rapid and snap shooting competitions were so enormous that both ranges were fully occupied to the exclusion of those enthusiasts who were hoping to utilise "B" range in order to obtain some practice for the Bisley Meeting proper, which commences on Friday.

Following were the results:—

RAPID FIRING COMPETITION CLASS "X"

L/Sgt. Nunn, R.E. 22; Sgt. G. E. Breese, R.N.R.S. 20; Sgt. Bremner, 2/R.S. 19; Cpl. Maghar Singh, H.K.P. 19; Pte. R. Jeffrey, R.N.R.S. 18; Sgt. Rushman, R.N.R.S. 18; RSM. Maslen, R.E. 17; Sgt. Whippley, 2/R.S. 17; Pte. Mackenzie, 1/Seaforth's 17; Capt. MacGraw, 1/Seaforth's 17; Pte. D. Scott, 2/R.S. 17; Pte. Phillips, 2/R.S. 17; Pte. Bullen, 2/R.S. 17; Cpl. Ghulan Mohamad, H.K.P. 17; Sgt. Mayne, 1/Seaforth's 16; Mrn. Fletcher, R.N.R.S. 16; L/c. Pemberton, R.E. 16; Sgt. Green, 2/R.S. 16; Cpl. Plummer, 1/Mx. 16; Cpl. Cole, R.N.R.S. 16.

RAPID FIRE CLASS "M"

Cpl. Berry, R.A.F. 14; Pte. Gordon W. 2/R.S. 12; Cpl. Gash, R.A.F. 12.

SNAPSHOOTING COMPETITION CLASS "X"

Sergt. Whippley, 2/R.S. 23; RSM. Maslen, R.E. 22; Pte. MacKenzie, 1/Sea. 18; Mr. N. V. Whyte, DRC. 18; Corp. Hitchcock, 2/R.S. 18; Sergt. Mayne, 1/Sea. 18; Pte. Hughes, 2/R.S. 17; L/Sgt. Pan, H.K.P.R. 17; Sergt. Heap, R.N.R.S. 15; Sergt. Bremner, 2/R.S. 14; Corp. Brighty, R.E. 14; Piper Stewart (87), 2/R.S. 14; L/Sgt. Robb, 2/R.S. 13; Corp. Neave, 2/R.S. 13; Pte. Welsh, 2/R.S. 13; P. C. Narain Singh, H.K.P. 13; Pte. Pattullo, 2/R.S. 13; Pte. Peacock, 2/R.S. 13; Sapper. Colebrook, R.E. 13; Pte. Cutler, 1/Mx. 13; Pte. Williamson, 2/R.S. 13.

SNAPSHOOTING COMPETITION CLASS "M"

*Pte. Hickenbottom, 2/R.S. 13; *Pte. Lawrie, 2/R.S. 13; Pte. Carrington, 2/R.E. 9.

*To be shot off.

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE REVOLVER COMPETITION

Capt. C. Hyde, D.A.P.M. Hong Kong 84; Sgt. G. Breese, R.M. 81; Lt. G. C. Dawson, 1/Mx. 81; Maj. S. White, 2/R.S. 80.

GOVERNOR'S RINKS BEAT P.O.R.C.

Playing a bowls match at Stanley yesterday, Government House beat Prison Officers' Recreation Club 70-48.

E. P. C. Collin, N. L. Smith, J. F. McGowan, E. Searle (Government House) beat W. Webber, G. Foster, S. Hodge, T. Gooding 29-18.

W. A. Cornell, J. A. Fraser, R. E. Lindell, H. H. Pegg lost to V. H. Freeman, F. N. Hill, J. W. Hudson, T. M. Pile 14-19.

W. Walker, I. Newton, J. Deakin, Sir Geoffrey Northcote beat C. M. Gowland, J. W. Fitzgerald, J. McCutcheon, A. Jillett 27-11.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS

The following teams will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club against Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday at 2 p.m.:

1st XI (at K.C.C.):—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. I. Bosanquet, D. G. Day, B. C. Fay, Surg. Lt. Comm. W. G. Finnie, J. H. Fox, H. Owen Hughes, A. K. Mackenzie, J. L. C. Pearce, J. Robinson, E. W. Stout.
2nd XI (at H.K.C.C.):—W. J. Mitchell (Capt.), E. J. Armstrong, G. E. E. Bishop, G. P. Charles, C. E. E. Dwyer, J. S. Hardie, R. L. C. Hudson, J. S. W. Patterson, J. P. Pugh, G. S. Robb, W. Stoker.

ARMY AGAIN BEAT HOCKEY CLUB

(By "REFEREE")

GIVING A MUCH BETTER display than in their first meeting Club were still beaten by Army by 4 goals to 2 in their T.T. hockey match at King's Park yesterday.

The Club forward line did not show much combination in the first half and, as a result, much work was thrown on the defence, which, however, was on top form and though hard pressed kept the Army attackers out.

E. V. Reed and Yourieff were sound backs, the former being prominent with his clearances, while in the pivotal position Willie Reed was his usual self. Pennington and Whitley put in much hard work against two fast wingers in Partaub Singh and

Shah Wali.

LITTLE COMBINATION

The forward line lacked combination particularly in the first period. Bates, on the left wing, worked hard but he seldom received any good passes—they were either too hard or came when he was marked.

Bickford scored two good goals in the second period but in the first half he hung too far back to be of real assistance to his forwards though he assisted the defence considerably. In the second period he played much

better.

Fowler on the right wing, was starved for the greater part of the game and was unable to do anything.

Army had their best side out with the exception of Datta Ram, who is still injured, and his place was taken by Guesin Singh.

Both the backs played well and Hook in the centre-half berth was prominent with his tackling and he broke up many a move by Club forwards. Ure and Croston the wing halves, were sound but their work was made easier by Club playing too much to the centre.

In attack both wingers showed speed and sent over good centres, Partaub Singh being tricky and fast, although well watched by Pennington.

The inside trio worked well together, and showed good combination, Pritam Nath distributing to good effect and Homburg being a great danger at all times.

Army took the lead in the first half when Pritam Nath converted a perfect centre from Shah Wali and a few minutes after the latter sent in a hard drive just within the circle.

In the second period Bickford netted with a good effort but Pritam Nath scored again, before Bickford again reduced the lead. Partaub Singh made the game safe in the closing minutes of the game.

Army:—L/Sgt. Dobson; Pte. Stickle, Guesin Singh; Sgt. Ure, Capt. Hook, Sgt. Croston; Shah Wali, Sgt. Homburg. Lt. Pritam Nath, Narain Singh, Partaub Singh.

Club:—V. M. Benwell; B. Yourieff, E. V. Reed; J. Pennington, W. A. Reed, N. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, G. H. Fowler, B. I. Bickford, R. A. Bates.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1940, to FRIDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

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THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 11th March, 1940.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4239	Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road and Ma Tau Kok Road, Ma Tau Chung.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 3,720	\$42	\$3,790
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SOVIET STEAMER DETAINED

Detention of the Soviet steamer "Vladimir Mayakovsky" in the North Pacific, by a vessel of the China Squadron, has been officially revealed in London, according to a Reuter report delayed by the censor this morning.

The vessel is reported to have been carrying a cargo of nickel and molybdenum, shipped in North America and consigned to Vladivostok.

She is being detained in British waters pending examination of her cargo by contraband control authorities.

BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

London, To-day.

Commenting on the detention of the Soviet steamer Vladimir Mayakovsky, which was seized by a British warship somewhere in the north Pacific while en route from the United States to Vladivostok with a cargo of copper about March 15, W. N. Ewer, writing in the "Daily Herald," says:

"The Soviet Ambassador in London has already protested against the detention of the Russian steamer Selenga at Hong Kong with a cargo of tin, antimony and wolfram, and he will doubtless protest about the Vladimir Mayakovsky, but we are well within our belligerent rights and orders have been given to the Fleet in the Pacific to stop contraband traffic from the United States to Germany via Vladivostok and the Trans-Siberian railway, and these orders are being carried out.

"It is a symptom of the straits to which Germany is being reduced that she should be trying

DESTROYER EXPLOSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Paris, To-day.

The Navy Ministry regrets to announce that an explosion occurred on board the destroyer "La Railleuse" while the vessel was lying in port.

Seven are dead and several wounded or not yet accounted for.—Havas.

SHANGHAI'S LOSS OF POPULATION

Shanghai, To-day.

Owing to the present high cost of living the population of Shanghai is now only 3,890,000 compared with over 5,500,000 two years ago, according to the "Sin Wan Pao."

The reduction is said to have been caused by the steady exodus of poorer classes of Chinese to their native villages because of the exorbitant prices of daily necessities in Shanghai.—Reuter.

BRITISH TEA CONTROL

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Food announces it has completed arrangements for the import of sufficient tea in the next 12 months for home consumption and normal re-export trade.

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Moving the new Telephone Ordinance in Legislative Council this afternoon, the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, Financial Secretary, said, in part:—

The present Bill gives effect to negotiations with the Company which were initiated and practically brought to conclusion by Mr. Cairne, with a view to removing objectionable features in the Ordinance and at the same time securing higher royalties and other advantages to Government. The arrangement incorporated in the present Bill is as follows:—

The Company provides Government free of charge with a telephone service for Government purposes up to 500 lines and arranges for the necessary branch exchange in a place sufficiently protected from possible air raid damage.

This exchange has been constructed in the basement of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building.

The modernisation of the Government system, which is obsolescent, would involve considerable expenditure and in technical grounds it is desirable to amalgamate the Government with the Company's system. The provision of this exchange represents a capital saving to Government of roughly one-quarter of a million dollars. Also a discount of 25 per cent will be allowed Government on the standard rate of subscription in respect of any telephones or connections in excess of these 500 lines. Arrangements will be made later for the Company to take over other Government services when it is possible to obtain the necessary equipment, and until this matter has been further discussed from the technical angle it is difficult to estimate the ultimate saving to Government in respect of recurrent expenditure and personal emoluments, but an appreciable saving is anticipated in respect of both.

Also an additional royalty of one half of the surplus profits over and above the amount required to pay a 12 per cent dividend on the paid up capital shall be payable to Government. In order to avoid double taxation the Company is permitted to deduct any amount payable to Government by way of taxation on profits from the net annual profits of the Company before surplus profits are assessed for this purpose. This is based on the analogy of the treatment of such other utility companies as pay a royalty to Government which will be permitted to deduct the royalty from their profits before such are assessed for purposes of war taxation. It will be observed that the remaining half of the surplus profits remains at the disposal of the directors who need not necessarily employ it for the purpose of increasing dividends.

This arrangement will apply retrospectively to the year 1939, so that Government may anticipate a considerable addition to the royalty otherwise payable in respect of that year. It is felt that Government, as representative of the whole community, has a prior claim to a share of the surplus profits in preference to the subscribers who already enjoy a remarkably cheap rate of subscription.

In perusing the Hansard account of the first reading in this Council of the Telephone Ordinance, 1935, one meets frequent tributes to the ability and tact of Mr. Taggart who conducted the final negotiations in connection with the foundation of the Telephone Company of which he was a promoter and is the managing director, and I should like to record that the Government representatives in the present negotiations with Mr. Taggart have again met the same high qualities of vision and breadth of judgment, to which testimony is borne by the success of the Company and the service it has rendered to the Colony.

London, To-day.

"The Times" diplomatic correspondent says M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, called on Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday afternoon for the first time since relations became strained through the Red Army's invasion of Finland.

Immediate occasion of the visit was probably the British detention of the Soviet ships Selenga and Vladimir Mayakovsky.

The Soviet contends that their ships are State ships, to be treated differently from privately owned vessels, and that in any case the cargoes would not leave the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

It was revealed in Legislative Council this afternoon, in a letter from the War Office, that the cost of the Garrison for the Army financial year, April, 1938, to March, 1939, was £1,618,908, exceeding the Colony's contribution by £1,228,890. In the previous year the cost of the Garrison was £1,551,508, exceeding the Colony's contribution by £1,168,628.

Ottawa, To-day.

Mrs. D. W. Neilson, Unity Party candidate and the mother of three children, defeated the veteran Liberal, Mr. C. R. McIntosh, at North Battleford, Saskatchewan, in the General Election. She will be the only woman member of the House, as all other women candidates were defeated.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of Major-General H. C. Harrison, who was stationed in Hong Kong from 1935 to 1937 as G.S.O. I. He was extremely popular in all circles in the Colony.—Reuter.

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